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MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 5

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Sen. John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Della Young

Staff Present: S. Thornton, M. McDonough, M. Banker

Members and Staff Excused: Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Sen. Torrey Westrom, D. Griffith

Co-Chair: Rep. John Persell

1. Approve the minutes for December 2, 2015

Co-Chair Persell started the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the minutes for December 2, 2015 – motion prevailed.

2. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

MS 116P.09 Subd 6 Conflict of interest. A commission member, technical advisory committee member, a peer review panelist, or an employee of the commission may not participate in or vote on a decision of the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel relating to an organization in which the member, panelist, or employee has either a direct or indirect personal financial interest. While serving on the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel, or being an employee of the commission, a person shall avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Members reported no conflict of interest for today's meeting.

3. Technical amendments in the LCCMR Appropriations Bill for the 2016 MN Legislative Session Funding Recommendations from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) – LCCMR Staff

Susan Thornton gave an overview of the materials in the packet and reviewed previous actions taken on language including explaining the additional technical changes made to language.

Commission Wagenius suggested editing the appropriation language on page 14 in Subd. 09a "State Parks and State Trails Land Acquisition" by saying "along the Minnesota River" rather than "in the Minnesota River Valley". Members agreed with the edit.

4. MN DNR request for approval to pay 110% of appraised value for Minneopa State Park Acquisition - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 9a "State Parks and State Trails", Land Acquisitions per session law requirement in M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 14 6h – Presenter: Jennifer Christie, DNR Parks and Trails Division

Jennifer Christie (DNR) gave a presentation on the request to pay 110% of appraised value.
Members discussed the request.

Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Tom Hackbarth,
Bonnie Harper-Lore, John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell,
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MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve the request to pay 110% of appraised value for Minneopa State Park Acquisition - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 9a "State Parks and State Trails", Land Acquisitions per session law requirement in M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 14 6h – motion prevailed.

5. Update on proposals reviewed for a LCCMR Grants Management System and authorization of staff to enter into a contract for services.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to authorize staff to proceed with selecting a vendor and contracting for the LCCMR Grants Management System – motion prevailed.

6. Discuss and adopt FY18 LCCMR 2017 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP)

Members discussed the FY18 LCCMR 2017 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP). Members revised the FY18 LCCMR 2017 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP) to add on page 4 under "2017 Funding Priorities" the sentence before Category A begins "Proposals addressing prevention strategies for protecting natural resources are strongly encouraged." and to add a new Item 3 under Category A – "3. Quantification and analysis pertaining to the economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by natural resources, including analysis that quantifies public savings and costs of water or air pollution prevention".

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve the draft FY18 LCCMR 2017 ENRTF Request for Proposal and have staff make any grammatical changes as needed – motion prevailed.

7. M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09c, Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Restoration, Enhancement and Public Engagement.

DNR request to acquire 43-acres (\$79,000), of which 27-acres has an existing conservation easement on it, for the Cannon River Turtle Preserve SNA in Goodhue County. Presenter: Peggy Booth, DNR SNA Program

The LCCMR consideration and approval is required according to:

M. S. 116P.18 LANDS IN PUBLIC DOMAIN.

Money appropriated from the trust fund must not be used to purchase any land in fee title or a permanent conservation easement if the land in question is fully or partially owned by the state or a political subdivision of the state or was acquired fully or partially with state money, unless:

(1) the purchase creates additional direct benefit to the protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources; and

(2) the purchase is approved, prior to the acquisition, by an affirmative vote of at least 12 members of the commission.

Peggy Booth (DNR) gave an overview of the request to acquire 43-acres (\$79,000), of which 27-acres has an existing conservation easement on it, for the Cannon River Turtle Preserve SNA in Goodhue County and addressed how it met the criteria in M.S. 116P.18.

Members agreed to move to Agenda Item #8 and return to Agenda Item #7 when there are 12 members present to vote as required by statute.

8. Review and adopt LCCMR 2016 Calendar

Susan Thornton reviewed the LCCMR 2016 Calendar.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve the LCCMR 2016 Calendar – motion prevailed.

Member returned to consideration of Agenda Item #7.

MOTION: Commissioner McNamara moved to approve the DNR request to acquire 43-acres (\$79,000), of which 27-acres has an existing conservation easement on it, for the Cannon River Turtle Preserve SNA in Goodhue County – motion prevailed.

9. Other business (as needed)

- Next steps in the process

- Next meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Members agreed to cancel the LCCMR meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

Commissioner Faber gave an update on his attendance at the DNR public meeting on the Elk Management Plan.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
