



Becca Nash, Director

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 5

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Sen. Gary Dahms, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Nicole Kessler, Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Michael Reese, Sen. David Tomassoni, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

Staff Present: B. Nash, M. Varien, M. Lennon, D. Griffith

Members Excused: Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Jean Wagenius

Members Absent: Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Joe Hoppe, Rep. Jim Newberger

Co-Chair: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

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

1. Approve the minutes for November 13, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved the minutes for November 13, 2018 – motion prevailed.

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

Members reported no additional conflict of interest for today's meeting besides what has been provided in their meeting packets.

3. Director's Report

Director Nash provided an update on the final reports for 2017-2018 and announced the Request for Proposal for the online grants management system was released on November 30, 2018.

4. Presentation by Public Facilities Authority

• **Jeff Freeman, Executive Director**

Jeff Freeman provided an overview of the Water Infrastructure Funding (WIF) program and the Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) program as included in the 2019 allocations. Members discussed.

5. Action: Adopt final LCCMR bill for funding recommendations from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to the 2019 MN Legislature

Commissioner Ingebrigtsen started discussions on the LCCMR bill. Members discussed wastewater and appropriation bonds.

Ben Stanley, Senate Counsel, answered questions about the lawsuit regarding the use of ENRTF funds in M.L. 2018. Members discussed.

Commissioner McNamara handed out a copy of Sec. 14 of the Constitution.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve the LCCMR's 2019 draft ENRTF funding bill and to allow staff to make any technical and grammatical changes necessary for presentation to the 2019 Minnesota Legislature.

Members recessed at 11:05 a.m., reconvened at 11:30 a.m., and continued discussions.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Gibson amended Commissioner Dahms' motion by the following changes to the LCCMR's 2019 draft ENRTF funding bill:

Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson,
Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Joe Hoppe, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Nicole Kessler, Denny McNamara, Norman Moody,
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1. on Page 25, Line 16 – delete \$1,000,000 and replace with \$1,500,000
2. on Page 25, delete Lines 25.26 to 25.34
3. on Page 26, delete Lines 26.1 to 26.2
4. on Page 25, Line 22 – after “a population under 5,000.” Insert “The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall work with communities receiving grants under this paragraph to prevent sources of contaminants in waste water.”
5. on Page 25, after Line 25.25 insert the following new paragraph:
“(b) Contaminant Prevention
\$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to work with communities to prevent contaminants in waste water.”
- Amendment prevailed. Commissioner Dahms accepted the amendment.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Dahms renewed his motion as amended to approve the LCCMR’s 2019 draft ENRTF funding bill, and to allow staff to make any technical and grammatical changes necessary for presentation to the 2019 Minnesota Legislature – motion prevailed (voice vote was unanimous - 12-members present).

6. **Update on current conservaton efforts involving a prairie bank easement acquired with M.L. 2008, Chp. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 03m, “Accelerated Prairie Management, Survey, Acquisition and Evaluation.”**
 - **Rich Biske, The Nature Conservancy**
Rich Biske, The Nature Conservancy, provided an overview on current conservation efforts involving a prairie bank easement acquired with M.L. 2008, Chp. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 03m. Members discussed.
7. **Completed Project Presentation: M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd 04e, “Southeast Minnesota Cover Crop and Soil Health Initiative”**
 - **Matt Drewitz, Board of Water and Soil Resources**
Matt Drewitz, Board of Water and Soil Resources, provided an overview of their completed project titled “Southeast Minnesota Cover Crop and Soil Health Initiative”. Members discussed.
8. **Completed Project Presentation: M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd 03o, “Effects of Grazing Versus Fire for Prairie Management”**
 - **Julia Leone and Patrick Pennarola, University of Minnesota**
Julia Leone and Patrick Pennarola, University of Minnesota, provided an overview of their completed project titled “Effects of Grazing Versus Fire for Prairie Management”. Members discussed.
9. **Working Lunch**
10. **Presentation: Minnesota State Lottery videos and other co-marketing activities**
Emily Frost, Communication Specialist; Marie Hinton, Communication Specialist; and Erika Helvick, Legislative Liaison, provided an overview of the Minnesota State Lottery marketing activities and videos. Members discussed.
11. **Presentation:**
 - **Carrol Henderson, Retired, DNR Nongame Wildlife Program**
Carrol Henderson, Retired, DNR Nongame Wildlife Program, gave a history of his time at the DNR. Director Nash congratulated him on his many achievements. Members discussed.
12. **Thank you to past and current retiring LCCMR members**
Director Nash welcomed back Jeffrey Broberg to thank him for his 12 years of service with the LCCMR.
13. **Other Business (as needed)**
14. **Public Testimony**
Jim Mallman, Watchable Wildlife, Stillwater, MN spoke on behalf of Agenda Item 11.

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15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.
