

**Procedures of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)
Adopted September 23, 2008**

I. LCCMR

C. Operations

7. Conflicts of interest prohibitions and procedures

The conflict of interest Statute for the Trust Fund was first adopted in 1988 and amended in 2006:

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.*

The LCCMR has strict rules governing conflict of interest to ensure fairness in the proposal review and recommendations process. These restrictions include:

Conflict of Interest Prohibitions

- A person may not serve as a project manager for a proposal pending before the LCCMR if the person is a member or serves on a relevant technical advisory or peer review panel.
- A LCCMR member, technical advisory or peer review panel member may not receive direct personal financial benefit from a proposal being reviewed or funded.

Conflict of Interest to be Managed through Procedures:

Legislative and Non-legislative citizen members of the LCCMR have been appointed because of their interest and expertise in various aspects of Minnesota's natural resources. In addition, peer review and technical review panel members have been appointed by the LCCMR because of their expertise. Nevertheless, certain affiliations may constitute a conflict of interest that must be managed by the LCCMR. They include:

- receipt of indirect personal financial benefit from a proposing organization or proposal being reviewed
- serving as an employee or governing board member of a proposing organization whose proposal is being reviewed
- serving with or without payment as a consultant to a proposer on the proposal being reviewed by LCCMR
- having a family relationship with a proposer or a staff or board member of a proposing organization

A conflict of interest must be identified before or during the initial proposal review process. The member must send a letter to the chair of the LCCMR addressed to the LCCMR office declaring the conflict of interest. Declaring a conflict of interest means that member may not advocate for or against the proposal or vote on the proposal.

In addition, existing law and institutional policies on conflict of interest cover the LCCMR members and staff and other legislative staff.

2019 Conflict of Interest (FY20)
For Projects Selected to Present

ENRTF ID	Title/Organization	Commission Member
173-DH	Oak Wilt Suppression at Northern Edge, Morrison Soil & Water Conservation District	Bill Faber
176-E	Development of Clean Energy Storage Systems for Farms, U of MN - WCROC	Michael Reese
196-EH	Modeling Energy and Environmental Roadmaps for Minnesota Communities, City of Morris	Michael Reese

Additional 2019 Conflict of Interest (FY20)

ENRTF ID	Title/Organization	Commission Member
S.F. 7, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Subd. 08g	Agricultural Weed Control Using Autonomous Mowers	Michael Reese

2020 Conflict of Interest (FY21)

Proposals

ENRTF ID	Title/Organization	Commission Member
025-A	Healthy Prairies III: Restoring MN prairie plant diversity	Rep. Jean Wagenius
031-A	Morrison County Performance Drainage and Hydrology Management Phase II	Bill Faber
147-CH	Carbon on Campus: Connecting Students to Minnesota Ecosystems	Rep. Rick Hansen
173-E	Storing Renewable Energy in Flow-Battery for Grid Use	Michael Reese
178-E	Deep Winter Greenhouses: Passive Solar Winter Food Production	Michael Reese
182-E	Nitrogen Fixation for Fertilizers and Hydrogen Fuels Production	Michael Reese
192-E	Phase 2: Integrated Small-Scale Ammonia Synthesis	Michael Reese
194-E	Minnesota Shrimp Production Using Clean Energy	Michael Reese
201-EH	Identifying Agricultural Energy Consumption and Impacts in Minnesota	Michael Reese
216-F	Implementing Hemp Crop Rotation to Improve Water Quality	Michael Reese Bill Faber