

Summary of Motions from 26 August, 2021 LCCMR Meeting

Commissioner Reese motion:

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to fund projects from the spreadsheet titled “Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low” down to and including an average member score of 49 with reductions as follows:

1. Reduce by 10% the top four ranked projects rounding up to the nearest thousand dollars. These projects include:
 - 2022-034 Conservation Corp Veterans Service Corps Program (\$1,354,000)
 - 2022-221 Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehab (\$2,723,000)
 - 2022-057 Local parks and trails (\$3.6 million)
 - 2022-067 Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center (\$6.3 million)
2. Targeted reductions will be applied as follows:
 - 2022-217 Establishing Center for Prion Research and Outreach to \$2 million
 - 2022-260 Watershed and Forests Restoration: What a Match to \$1.5 million
 - 2022-135 Minnesota State Trails Development to \$3.5 million
 - 2022-111 Minnesota State Parks and State Trails Acquisitions to \$1.8 million
 - 2022-158 SNA Habitat Restoration, Public Engagement, and Protection to \$1.8 million
 - 2022-058 Pollinator Habitat Pilot Project at Closed Landfills to \$750,000
 - 2022-088 St. Louis River Re-Connect to \$1 million
 - 2022-146 Minnesota Green Schoolyards to \$500,000
 - 2022-047 Conservation Cooperative for Working Lands to \$2 million
3. Fully fund projects with budgets of \$302,000 or less including the ML 2022 Contract Agreement Reimbursement with DNR.
4. Fund all remaining projects with a score of 49 or higher at a 30% reduction (70% of requested budget) rounding down to nearest thousand dollars.
5. Projected balance of \$668,000 will be left for any calculation errors and then transferred to emerging issues account.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Hansen amended Commissioner Reese’s motion to select all member scores from the spreadsheet titled “Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low” ranked 60 or higher reduced by 11 percent and Category H proposals ranked 60 or higher at full amount and ID: 2022-135 “Minnesota State Trails Developments”, MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division, Kent Skaar reduced by an additional \$369,000 – motion prevailed (10 Yes / 7 No).

AMENDMENT: Commissioner McNamara amended Commissioner Hansen’s amendment to select all member scores from the spreadsheet titled “Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low” ranked 60 or higher reduced by 30%, and all scores ranked between 59 and 49 reduced by 45%, Category H proposals ranked 49 or higher at full amount, institute a \$200,000 lower threshold for any project with decreased funding, fully funded the DNR administrative contract, maintained a \$250,000 buffer and then reduced the top six projects by \$100,000 each and the seventh highest reduced by the remaining balance – motion did not prevail (8 Yes / 9 No).

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Westrom amended Commissioner Hansen's amendment to select all member scores from the spreadsheet titled "Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low" ranked 60 or higher reduced by 22% and all proposals over \$3,000,000 be reduced to \$3,000,000, Category H proposals ranked 60 or higher at full amount, and proposals ranked 59 to 49 would be in funding arena but not a guaranteed amount until totals were determined.