



**LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 23, 2021**

**Time: 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

**Location: through electronic means (Zoom)**

**Members Present:** Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. FOUNG Hawj, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Dale Lueck, Denny McNamara, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Sen. David Tomassoni, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

**Staff Present:** B. Nash, M. Varien, C. Layfield, M. Campana, R. Anderson, D. Griffith

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Tama Theis

**Members Absent:**

**Co-Chair: Rep. Rick Hansen**

Co-Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**1. Roll call attendance**

Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 14 members present at the time of roll-call and nine were needed for a quorum.

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Lueck – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner McNamara	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Ecklund – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Theis - Rep	excused	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Tomassoni - Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen - Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom - Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj - Sen	X		Commissioner Young	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	X				

**2. Approve the minutes for August 26, 2021**

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the minutes for August 26, 2021 – motion prevailed.

Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. FOUNG Hawj, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Dale Lueck, Denny McNamara, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Rep. Tama Theis, Sen. David Tomassoni, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

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**3. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today’s business**

Members reported the following conflicts of interest for M.L. 2022 (FY23):

<b>Proposal ID</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Members With Conflict of Interest</b>
2022-031	Jacob	Haus	Efficacy of Urban Archery Hunting to Manage Deer	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities / Bemidji State University	Rita Albrecht
2022-125	Adam	Arvidson	Connecting the Mississippi Flyway to Urban Open Space	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-244	Adam	Arvidson	Bohemian Flats Savanna Restoration	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-246	Adam	Arvidson	Roberts Bird Sanctuary and Lyndale Gardens	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-251	Joel	Tallaksen	Mitigations Strategies for Agroplastic PFAS and Microplastic Contamination	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2022-273	MaryLynn	Pulscher	BioBlitzes Engaging Community in Scientific Efforts	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-291	Blaine	Hill	Morris GHG Emissions Inventory and Mitigation Strategies	City of Morris	Michael Reese

**4. Director’s report**

Director Nash provided members with an update of the following: (1) Final reports and project accomplishments; (2) building/capital projects research; (3) update on Phase V of the online system and accessibility; (4) the November meeting items to date and Michelle Weber will be providing a presentation on accessibility; (5) LCCMR email domain change to mn.gov; (6) no public testimony for today’s meeting; and (7) two handouts of written testimony posted at the end of the agenda for today’s meeting.

**5. Action: Proposal Allocation Recommendations for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for FY23**

Co-Chair Hansen started discussions for completing allocation determinations. Co-Chair Hansen asked members to voice their concerns, share their interests, and their hoped for outcomes. Members relayed their opinions and ideas.

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Co-Chair Hansen summarized the discussion and next steps for determining funding considerations.

Co-Chair Hansen returned to the motion on the table from the previous meeting: Commissioner Westrom’s amendment to Commissioner Reese’s motion, as amended.

Members discussed.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Westrom amended Commissioner Reese’s motion, as amended, 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 – amendment did not prevail (4 Yes / 10 No / 3 Excused).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep		X	Commissioner Lueck – Rep	excused	
Commissioner Albrecht		X	Commissioner McNamara		X
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Ecklund – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Faber		X	Commissioner Theis - Rep	excused	
Commissioner Gibson		X	Commissioner Tomassoni - Sen		X
Commissioner Hansen - Rep		X	Commissioner Westrom - Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj - Sen		X	Commissioner Young		X
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	X				

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Gibson amended Commissioner Reese’s motion by deleting everything and moving forward with Commissioner Peichel’s proposal:

Fund projects from the spreadsheet titled “Member 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low” down to an overall score of 56, which is project line O-90 2022-273, BioBlitzes Engaging Community in Scientific Efforts, with four tiers:

1. Since support of 12 out of 17 (70.5%) Commissioners is required, all projects with an average score of 70 or higher receive full funding. That fully funds all projects to O-37, 2022-279 Diversity and Access to Wildlife Related Opportunities.
2. To extend the funding to the most projects that still receive a majority of Commission support, all projects receiving a score of 56 to 69 will receive funding. This extends the funding list to project O-90 (2022-273 BioBlitzes Engaging Community in Scientific Efforts) as listed in the main motion with two key conditions:

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- a. Projects in this tier are all reduced to 54% of their project request.
  - b. Projects whose adjusted total request falls under \$310,000 are fully funded or provided up to \$310,000.
3. Projects with supportive scores from 9 out of 17 Commissioners (average score 53 to 55) could be eligible for any additional available, returned, or rejected funds, but do not receive planned allocation under this proposal. This third tier extends contingent recommendation for funding up to 6 additional projects to O-96, 2022-253 City of Biwabik Recreation Area.
4. Projects with a score lower than 53 are not recommended for funding, as they failed to receive supportive scores from a majority of commissioners.

Commissioner Peichel confirmed a conflict of interest with ID: 2022-273 “BioBlitzes Engaging Community in Scientific Effort”, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, MaryLynn Pulscher, \$198,000 and therefore requested this proposal be removed from the motion.

RENEWED AMENDMENT: Commissioner Gibson amended Commissioner Reese’s motion, as amended, by deleting everything and moving forward with Commissioner Peichel’s proposal, with the exception of removing ID: 2022-273 “BioBlitzes Engaging Community in Scientific Efforts,” Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, MaryLynn Pulscher, \$198,000:

Fund projects from the spreadsheet titled “Member 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low” down to an overall score of 56 with four tiers:

1. Since support of 12 out of 17 (70.5%) Commissioners is required, all projects with an average score of 70 or higher receive full funding. That fully funds all projects to O-37, 2022-279 Diversity and Access to Wildlife Related Opportunities.
2. To extend the funding to the most projects that still receive a majority of Commission support, all projects receiving a score of 56 to 69 will receive funding, with three key conditions:
  - a. Projects in this tier are all reduced to 54% of their project request.
  - b. Projects whose adjusted total request falls under \$310,000 are fully funded or provided up to \$310,000.
  - c. Project ID 2022-273, BioBlitzes Engaging Community in Scientific Efforts, is not recommended for funding.
3. Projects with supportive scores from 9 out of 17 Commissioners (average score 53 to 55) could be eligible for any additional available, returned, or rejected funds, but do not receive planned allocation under this proposal. This third tier extends contingent recommendation for funding up to 6 additional projects to O-96, 2022-253 City of Biwabik Recreation Area.
4. Projects with a score lower than 53 are not recommended for funding as they failed to receive supportive scores from a majority of commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Reese withdrew his motion, as amended.

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved Commissioner Young’s proposal as follows:

Fund projects from the spreadsheet titled “Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low” as follows:

1. Fund all projects scored 89 and higher at 11 percent less than requested.

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2. Fund all other projects scored 49 and above by the requested amount multiplied by the percent of the average score, except:
  - Provide full funding or \$200,000, whichever is less, for all projects in this range where the adjusted total would fall to \$200,000 or less.
  - Fund 2022-067 *Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pest Center* (line O-9) at \$4.5 million.
  - Fund 2022-047 *Conservation Cooperative for Working Lands* (line O-93) at \$1.5 million.
  - Reduce 2022-135 *Minnesota State Trails Development* (line O-16) by an additional \$369,000.
  - Fully fund 2022-121 *ML 2022 Contract Agreement Reimbursement* (line O-7)

Motion prevailed (9 Yes /6 No / 2 Excused)

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Commissioner Acomb - Rep		X	Commissioner Lueck – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht		X	Commissioner McNamara	X	
Commissioner Dziejczak - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Ecklund – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Faber		X	Commissioner Theis - Rep	excused	
Commissioner Gibson		X	Commissioner Tomassoni - Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen - Rep		X	Commissioner Westrom - Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj - Sen		X	Commissioner Young	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	X				

MOTION: Commissioner Ecklund moved to fully fund the top 16 ranked proposals from the spreadsheet titled “Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low” and allow the legislature to determine funding for the remaining projects. Commissioner Ecklund withdrew motion.

**6. LCCMR Other business**

No other business.

**7. Public Testimony**

No public testimony.

**8. Adjourn**

Members adjourned for the day at 2:54 p.m.