

Diana Griffith

Subject: RE: Re. article in Star Tribune by Dennis Anderson

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Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 3:31 PM

To: Becca Nash <becca.nash@lccmr.mn.gov>

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Dear Becca;

I call your attention to an article in the Star Tribune from late last week entitled "Lottery -fund system Unfair Victim" by Dennis Anderson . Everything he has written is true,

I know there were several projects never vetted by the LCCMR that were thrown into the final bill. I know the Ranier project was #58 on the LCCMR list last year and would not have been approved. However the millionaire Mayor of Ranier, Dennis Wagner and his good pal Tom Dougherty (head of the Ranier steering committee for the project, nonresident and owner of Rainy Lake Houseboats) flew in the Mayors private plane to St. Paul met with Senator Bakk and came back saying it was such a successful meeting.

I also know that according to Rep. Rick Hanson the House bill did not include the Ranier project. However the combining of the Senate and House bills included the Ranier project and 7 other non-vetted projects.

This is disgusting. It should not happen. This Board has become just another arm of the legislature and an opportunity to bring home the pork. The Citizen members of the Committee should outweigh the legislative members. They are concerned and devoted to the Mission of the LCCMR.

I am so discouraged by all of this.

Thank you. Sue Swendsen