

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MEMO: Agenda Item #6

DATE: July 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Discuss and Select 2023 ENRTF proposals for further consideration and presentation

Summary

174 proposals were received in response to the LCCMR's 2023 RFP. 78 proposals have been provisionally selected for presentation and further consideration as a result of members' evaluations #1 and the process approved by the LCCMR at its June 27, 2022 meeting. At the July 25, 2022 meeting, members need to identify up to 9 additional selections (up to 3 each by the House, Senate, and Citizens) and finalize plans for presentations.

Background

In response to the 2023 Request for Proposals, LCCMR received 174 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$164 million. Approximately \$79.6 million is available for appropriations from the ENRTF for this RFP cycle, including for the LCCMR biennial administrative budget. Approximately \$189,000 is also available from the Great Lakes Protection Account. Commission members have individually completed their first evaluation of these 174 proposals and now need to finalize the proposals that will be selected by the LCCMR for presentation and further consideration of funding.

On June 27, 2022, the commission voted to select the top 80 proposals chosen by the greatest number of individual members during their evaluation #1. If the 80 cut-off were to fall in the middle of a group of proposals that had been selected by the same number of members, the cut-off would be moved up or down to whichever total number of selected proposals was closer to 80, so the group containing the tie is either fully captured or fully removed from the proposals selected for presentation. The commission also agreed that up to an additional 9 proposals would be selected for presentation and further consideration for funding: up to 3 each by the House, Senate, and Citizen groups.

Results of Evaluation #1

As a result of individual members' Evaluation #1, 78 proposals have been provisionally selected for presentation and further consideration. These 78 proposals are shown in the attached spreadsheet. The 80 cut-off landed in a group of proposals that were selected by the same number of members (adjusted for COI). Including all of the tied proposals would have resulted in 98 proposals being selected; excluding all of the tied proposals would have resulted in 78 proposals being selected, which is closer to 80. Therefore, 78 proposals have been provisionally selected for presentation and further consideration for funding. These results were emailed to members and posted to the meeting page of the website on 7/22/22.

Selection of up to 9 additional proposals

During the July 25 meeting, the House, Senate, and Citizen groups may each caucus to come to final agreement on their additional projects. Agreements will be made by consensus among each group or by a simple majority if needed. Each group will provide the LCCMR Director a written list of up to three (3) proposals it wishes to select. At the end of caucus time, the Director will read the selections out loud.

Presentations

Presentation meetings are scheduled for August 8-10, 16, and 17 (5 days) and will be held entirely by Zoom; the hours can be adjusted to some extent to meet members' needs. Additional business on presentation days will include twelve presentations for projects added during the 2022 legislative session, additional 2022 work plan approvals, and other LCCMR business if needed. Additional time will be needed on presentation days for the subcommittee on capital projects to meet.

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Staff Recommendation:

- Presentations will each be 15-minutes: 5 to present and 10 for Q&A (same as past two years) with additional discretion to go over this time allotment if needed, especially for proposals requesting over \$1m
- No PowerPoints (to cut down on transition time; same as past two years)
- A shorter day of presentations on August 8 to allow for a morning capital project subcommittee meeting
- The remaining four days would be roughly 9am-4pm (7-hour-long days of presentations, other business, and 30-minute lunch breaks). The Subcommittee may meet before or after LCCMR meetings.

Sample LCCMR meeting scenarios at different proposal time slots (10-, 15-, and 20-minute-long presentations). This does not include capital projects subcommittee meetings:

Time Slot (minutes)	# of Proposal Presentations	Total Hours Presentations (rounded)	# Of 8-hour Meeting Days (rounded)	# Of 6-hour Meeting Days (rounded)	# Of 4-hour Meeting Days (rounded)
10	80-89	19-21	3	3-4	5-6 (not possible with current schedule)
15	80-89	27-29	4	5	8 (not possible with current schedule)
20	80-89	35-38	5	6-7 (not possible with current schedule)	10-11 (not possible with current schedule)

Attachments

- “Member Compiled Evaluation #1 - M.L. 2023 (FY24) as of June 22, 2022,” an aggregated list of proposals ranked in order from high (selected by the greatest number of members) to low (selected by the least number of members) showing the 78 proposals selected for presentation.