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MINUTES

Monday, July 25, 2022

Time: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Location: (Hybrid) Room 120, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 and by Zoom

Members Present: Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Founq Hawj , Rep. Dale Lueck, Seth Moore, Rep. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Shona Snater, Rep. Tama Theis, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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

Members Excused: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

Co-Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll call attendance

Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 16 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 Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	X		Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Theis – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

2. Approve the minutes for June 27, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the minutes for June 27, 2022 – motion prevailed.

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

Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Founq Hawj, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Dale Lueck, Seth Moore, Rep. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Shona Snater, Rep. Tama Theis, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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Members reported the following conflicts of interest for M.L. 2023 (FY24):

Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members with Conflict of Interest
2023-148	Shelby	Kok	Acquisition of State Parks and Trails In-holdings	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel
2023-081	Kent	Skaar	Minnesota State Trails Development	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel
2023-169	Jacob	Haus	Efficacy of Urban Archery Hunting to Manage Deer	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Bemidji State University	Rita Albrecht
2023-156	Ce	Yang	Multi-Level Monitoring and Control Toward Smart Pasture Management	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Michael Reese
2023-126	Bryan	Herrmann	Establishing the Center for Renewable Energy Storage Technology	U of MN, Morris	Michael Reese

Commissioner Faber recused himself from 2023-100 “Planning for the Future”, Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District, and will send an email on this conflict of interest.

4. Director’s report

Director Nash announced we received a request from the Minnesota National Valley Wildlife Refuge Trust to convey some land to Sibley County from a ML2006 and ML2008 appropriation. They would return \$3,800 to the ENRTF and staff approved after notifying the Co-Chairs. Ms. Nash discussed the Crane Lake project which received appropriations in 2017, 2020, and 2021. Ms. Nash stated we received one written testimony which is in the meeting folder.

Commissioner Hansen asked about status of the Emerging Issues approval to the City of St. Cloud from the meeting on June 27, 2022. Director Nash explained it is still being worked on and a letter will be submitted to the Governor in the next few weeks.

5. Action: Approve additional work plans for projects funded in M.L. 2022 (FY23)

Director Nash stated staff is still working on work plans. There are about 10 completed for approval at a staff level and there may be a handful of work plans for review at a future meeting.

6. Action: Discuss and approve selection of 2023 (FY24) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund proposals for further consideration and presentation:

- a. **The top 80 (rounded for any ties) proposals determined by tallying individual member selections**

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b. 9 additional proposals selected: 3 each by House, Senate, and Citizens

Co-Chair Gibson explained 78 proposals on the spreadsheet titled “Member Compiled Evaluation #1 – M.L. 2023 (FY24) as of June 22, 2022” on Lines 5 to 86 have been provisionally selected for presentations which follows the guideline set at the previous meeting to select approximately 80 proposals. Director Nash explained the process for the three caucuses.

Commissioner Westrom asked about the presentation selection process. Director Nash provided an overview. Members discussed.

Members recessed at 9:27 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Director Nash announced the selections from the 3 caucuses:

Citizen member selections:

1. ID: 2023-090 – Changing Distribution of Flying Squirrel Species in Minnesota, U of MN, Duluth NRRI, Michael Joyce, \$186,000.
2. ID: 2023-182 – Cover Crops: Rooting for Sustainable Cropping in Minnesota, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, Axel Garcia y Garcia, \$365,000.
3. ID: 2023-107 – Ecotoxicological Impacts of Quinone Outside Inhibitor (QoI) Fungicides, University of St. Thomas, Kristine Wammer, \$282,000.

House members agreed not to add any projects.

Senate member selections:

1. ID: 2023-110 – Scandia Gateway Trail to William O’Brien State Park, City of Scandia, Kenneth Cammilleri, \$3,070,000.
2. ID: 2023-137 – ALASD’s Chloride Reduction Pilot Program, Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District (ALASD), Scott Gilbertson, \$765,000.
3. ID: 2023-227 – Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock Phase 3, City of Ranier, Sherrill Gautreaux, \$1,238,000.

MOTION [1:21:05]: Commissioner Hansen moved to select for presentation and further consideration for funding the proposals as defined on the spreadsheet titled “Member Compiled Evaluation #1 – M.L. 2023 (FY24) as of June 22, 2022” on Lines 5 to 86 and to add the following 6 proposals:

1. ID: 2023-090 – Changing Distribution of Flying Squirrel Species in Minnesota, U of MN, Duluth NRRI, Michael Joyce, \$186,000.
 2. ID: 2023-182 – Cover Crops: Rooting for Sustainable Cropping in Minnesota, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, Axel Garcia y Garcia, \$365,000.
 3. ID: 2023-107 – Ecotoxicological Impacts of Quinone Outside Inhibitor (QoI) Fungicides, University of St. Thomas, Kristine Wammer, \$282,000.
 4. ID: 2023-110 – Scandia Gateway Trail to William O’Brien State Park, City of Scandia, Kenneth Cammilleri, \$3,070,000.
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 6. ID: 2023-227 – Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock Phase 3, City of Ranier, Sherrill Gautreaux, \$1,238,000.
- Motion prevailed (15 Yes / 0 No / 2 Excused).

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Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Lueck - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	X		Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dziejczak - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Theis – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

Director Nash reviewed the presentation days recommendation from the memo on “Discuss and select 2023 ENRTF proposals for further consideration and presentation”. Members discussed.

MOTION [1:32:53]: Commissioner Peichel moved to approve the following recommendation for presentation days:

- 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.
- Motion prevailed (14 Yes, 0 No, 3 Excused).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Lueck - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	X		Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dziejczak - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Reese	excused	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Theis – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

7. Action: Decision-making process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)

Michael Varien provided an overview of the memo on “Decision-making Process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)”. Members discussed.

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Commissioner Acomb suggested the added projects be marked on the spreadsheet, and projects cannot be given more than they requested.

MOTION [2:05:43]: Commissioner Moore moved to approve “Method #1 Initial agreement based on average allocation amounts and total amount available” from the memo on “Decision-making Process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)” as follows:

Method #1 Initial agreement based on average allocation amounts and total amount available:

Use total amount available as the threshold for the initial agreement. Based on rank order (number of members allocating funds to a project) and average amount allocated, go down the list and cut off when all funds have been allocated. In the event of a tie, the cut-off would be at dollar amount closest to the total amount available.

AMENDMENT [2:08:09]: Commissioner Peichel amended Commissioner Moore’s motion to add the “Additional Conditions Associated with Evaluation #2” from the memo on “Decision-making Process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)” and a condition to round to the nearest \$1,000:

1. The LCCMR admin budget, LCC Legacy Website, and DNR Contract are included in the recommendations at the requested amount.
2. Category H Small Projects (projects that are \$200k or less) that are included in the recommendations will be included at the full amount of their request.
3. All other recommended projects will be recommended for at least \$200,000. That is, no project requesting more than \$200,000 may be recommended at a level less than \$200,000.
4. There will be a \$250,000 buffer for mistakes made during the allocation process. If at the end the buffer is not needed, it could be either allocated to another project or to the emerging issues account.
5. Proposals that receive fewer than 5 member votes will be removed from consideration. So, if only 4 members or less allocate funds to a project it will not be considered for recommendation.

Commissioner Moore accepts Commissioner Peichel’s amendment.

AMENDMENT [2:11:22]: Commissioner Hansen amended Commissioner Moore’s motion to add the amount available for allocation (approximately \$76,000,000).

Commissioner Moore accepted this amendment.

AMENDMENT [2:23:54]: Commissioner Westrom amended Commissioner Moore’s motion to remove the following: “5. Proposals that receive fewer than 5 member votes will be removed from consideration. So, if only 4 members or less allocate funds to a project it will not be considered for recommendation.”

Commissioner Moore accepted this amendment.

RENEWED MOTION [2:25:27]: Commissioner Moore renewed his motion as amended to approve “Method #1 Initial agreement based on average allocation amounts and total amount available” from the memo on “Decision-making Process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)” as follows

Method #1 Initial agreement based on average allocation amounts and total amount available:

Use total amount available as the threshold for the initial agreement. Based on rank order (number of members allocating funds to a project) and average amount allocated, go down the list and cut off when all funds have been allocated. In the event of a tie, the cut-off would be at dollar amount closest to the total amount available.

Also, to add the “Additional Conditions Associated with Evaluation #2” from the memo on “Decision-making Process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)” as edited:

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1. The LCCMR admin budget, LCC Legacy Website, and DNR Contract are included in the recommendations at the requested amount.
2. Category H Small Projects (projects that are \$200k or less) that are included in the recommendations will be included at the full amount of their request.
3. All other recommended projects will be recommended for at least \$200,000. That is, no project requesting more than \$200,000 may be recommended at a level less than \$200,000.
4. There will be a \$250,000 buffer for mistakes made during the allocation process. If at the end the buffer is not needed, it could be either allocated to another project or to the emerging issues account.
5. ~~Proposals that receive fewer than 5 member votes will be removed from consideration. So, if only 4 members or less allocate funds to a project it will not be considered for recommendation.~~
6. Round proposal dollars to the nearest \$1,000.
7. The amount available for allocation will be calculated by staff once the requested amount for the LCCMR admin budget and the LCC Legacy Website are determined but will be approximately \$76,000,000.

- Motion prevailed (11 Yes / 3 No / 3 Excused).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Lueck - Rep		X
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen		X	Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Reese	excused	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Theis – Rep		X
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

MOTION [2:32:02]: Commissioner Albrecht moved to approve from the memo on “Decision-making Process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)” under the Decision-Making Framework Options selecting Option 1 under “Fine Tuning decisions if funds have been over allocated”.

Option 1: Adjust allocation amounts in the lowest ranking proposals making the initial agreement. This could be done by reducing each proposal in the group by an equal amount or doing an across- the- board percent cut.

Commissioner Albrecht withdrew her motion.

MOTION [2:37:01]: Commissioner Moore moved to approve from the memo on “Decision-making Process for 2023 RFP recommendations (part 2)” under the Decision-Making Framework Options section by selecting Option 1 under “Fine Tuning decisions if funds have been over allocated”.

Option 1: Adjust allocation amounts in the lowest ranking proposals making the initial agreement. This could be done by reducing each proposal in the group by an equal amount or doing an across- the- board percent cut.

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- Motion did not prevail (4 Yes / 9 No / 4 Excused).

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Commissioner Acomb - Rep		X	Commissioner Lueck - Rep		X
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen		X	Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Faber	pass		Commissioner Reese	excused	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater	pass	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	excused		Commissioner Theis – Rep		X
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	pass		Commissioner Westrom – Sen		X
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep		X	Commissioner Lueck - Rep		X
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen		X	Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Faber		X	Commissioner Reese	excused	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater		X
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	excused		Commissioner Theis – Rep		X
Commissioner Hawj – Sen		X	Commissioner Westrom – Sen		X
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

MOTION [2:41:55]: Commissioner Dahms moved to equally divide any remaining funds after the initial allocation agreement between the Emerging Issues Account and returning the dollars to the corpus of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF).

- Motion did not prevail (6 Yes / 8 No / 3 Excused).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	pass		Commissioner Lueck - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	X		Commissioner Morrison – Rep		X
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Faber		X	Commissioner Reese	excused	
Commissioner Gibson		X	Commissioner Snater		X
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	excused		Commissioner Theis – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	pass		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

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Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep		X	Commissioner Lueck - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	X		Commissioner Morrison – Rep		X
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	excused		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Faber		X	Commissioner Reese	excused	
Commissioner Gibson		X	Commissioner Snater		X
Commissioner Hansen – Rep		X	Commissioner Theis – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen		X	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	excused				

Commissioner Peichel requested staff prepare options presented and discussed in advance of the allocation meeting and provide as part of member information materials for that day. Further discussion on the decision-making framework was deferred until the allocation meeting.

8. LCCMR Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Public Testimony

There was written public testimony from Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails posted to the website.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
