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Thursday, June 8, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: HYBRID: Room G-123, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 and through electronic means ([YouTube](#))

Members Present: Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Jeff Backer, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Founq Hawj, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Athena Hollins, Shona Langseth, Seth Moore, Sen. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Rep. Rick Hansen

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in Room 123 of the Minnesota State Capitol and discussed the technical difficulties that occurred which resulted in the late start and room change.

1. [00:01:10] Roll call attendance

Chair Hansen asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 17 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 Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

2. [00:02:19] Approve the minutes for April 24, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve the minutes for April 24, 2023 – motion prevailed.

3. [00:02:42] Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

Members reported the following conflict of interests:

Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Jeff Backer, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Athena Hollins, Sen. Founq Hawj, Shona Langseth, Seth Moore, Sen. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest
2024-016	Chris	Giesen	Harmony State Trail Extension Construction	City of Harmony	Rick Hansen
2024-064	Audrey	Mularie	Local Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Grant Programs	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel
2024-069	Joel	Tallaksen	Reduced Ecosystem Impacts through Solar Powered Container Farming	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2024-076	Eric	Buchanan	Improving Agricultural Ecosystems through Autonomous Weed Control	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2024-102	Stacy	Smith	Minnesota State Park Historic Structure Rehabilitation	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel
2024-136	Kent	Skaar	Minnesota State Trails Development	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel
2024-139	Alison	Nyenhuis	The Boundary Waters is Our Backyard	Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness	Kelly Morrison
2024-187	Troy	Goodnough	Build Out - Center for Renewable Energy Technology	U of MN, Morris	Michael Reese
2024-218	Bradley	Heins	Reducing Methane Emissions for Dairy Production Systems	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2024-256	Uwe	Kortshagen	Agrivoltaics to Combine Photovoltaics with Commodity Crop Farming	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	Michael Reese
2024-277	Edward	Quinn	Growing the Minnesota Bison Conservation Herd	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel

4. [00:04:14] Director’s report

Director Nash provided updates on the following:

- a. Staff are working from home three days a week during the legislative interim. Staff will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- b. Corrie Layfield will be leaving at the end of June.
- c. Two staff positions will be posted with an aim to fill them by October.
- d. The Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) will be developing the Joint Office Salary Plan for FY24 and FY25 after the House and Senate determine their respective salary plans. Carryforward dollars will be used to cover FY24, but there will be a supplemental budget request for FY25.
- e. Site visits will be September 19-21, 2023, visiting northeast Minnesota.
- f. The co-chairs will be discussing a potential policy on conducting hybrid meetings.
- g. Agenda Item 10 has been removed from today’s meeting as the presenter has a scheduling conflict.

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5. [00:09:11] Information and possible discussion: 2023 Session Report

Director Nash provided an overview of the 2023 Session Report. Members discussed.

6. [00:25:27] Update to Operational Procedures to conform to M.L. 2023 policy changes

Director Nash reviewed the changes to the Operational Procedures. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Acomb moved to approve the revised Operational Procedures – motion prevailed (16 Yes / 1 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen		X
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

7. [00:28:06] Review of current fiscal review procedures and changes resulting from M.L. 2023 laws, Katherine Sherman-Hoehn, MN DNR Grants Unit

Katherine Sherman-Hoehn provided an overview of the current fiscal review procedures and changes resulting from M.L. 2023 laws. Members discussed.

8. [00:42:15] Action: Discuss and approve selection of 2024 (FY25) 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**
- b. 9 additional proposals selected: 3 each by House, Senate, and Citizens**
- c. Possible additional adjustments**

Director Nash provided an overview of the proposals provisionally selected for presentation following member Evaluation #1 and potential adjustments to select additional proposals, as described in the memo titled, “Discuss and Select 2024 ENRTF proposals for further consideration and presentation”. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved from the spreadsheet titled “LCCMR Member Compiled Evaluation #1 - RFP 2024 (FY 25)” that all proposals ranked six or above be called in for presentation – motion prevailed (15 Yes / 2 No)

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	

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Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziejdzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen		X	Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen		X
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

Michael Varien announced the additional proposal selected by the House, Senate, and Citizen groups:

Line 104 – ID: 2024-057 - Characterization of Chemicals in Structural Fire Wastewater – House selection

Line 108 – ID: 2024-139 - The Boundary Waters is Our Backyard – Citizen and Senate selection

Line 109 – ID: 2024-172 - Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on Invertebrate Community – Citizen selection

Line 121 – ID: 2024-086 - Fluorine Beyond PFAS: Pesticide and Pharmaceutical Degradation – House selection

Line 127 – ID: 2024-161 - Novel Nutrient Recovery Process from Wastewater Treatment Plants – Citizen selection

Line 135 – ID: 2024-076 - Improving Agricultural Ecosystems through Autonomous Weed Control – Senate selection

Line 138 – ID: 2024-039 - Minimizing Minnesota’s Landfill Problem by Expanding Waste Diversion – Senate selection

Line 178 – ID: 2024-174 - Birch Lake Marina Design (Phase 1) – House selection

MOTION: Commissioner Heintzeman moved from the spreadsheet titled “LCCMR Member Compiled Evaluation #1 - RFP 2024 (FY 25)” the following additional proposals be brought in for presentation:

Line 104 – ID: 2024-057 - Characterization of Chemicals in Structural Fire Wastewater

Line 108 – ID: 2024-139 - The Boundary Waters is Our Backyard

Line 109 – ID: 2024-172 - Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on Invertebrate Community

Line 121 – ID: 2024-086 - Fluorine Beyond PFAS: Pesticide and Pharmaceutical Degradation

Line 127 – ID: 2024-161 - Novel Nutrient Recovery Process from Wastewater Treatment Plants

Line 135 – ID: 2024-076 - Improving Agricultural Ecosystems through Autonomous Weed Control

Line 138 – ID: 2024-039 - Minimizing Minnesota’s Landfill Problem by Expanding Waste Diversion

Line 178 – ID: 2024-174 - Birch Lake Marina Design (Phase 1)

- motion prevailed (14 Yes / 3 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep		X	Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziejdzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	

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Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Green - Sen		X	Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

9. [00:52:14] Action: Presentations format, timing, and other guidelines

Director Nash reviewed the staff recommendation for presentations in the memo titled, “Discuss and Select 2024 ENRTF proposals for further consideration and presentation”.

MOTION: Commissioner Peichel moved to approve the following guidelines for presentations:

- Presentations would be given by Zoom.
- Members would have the option to attend in person or remotely; however, the chair would be in-person. Six members (including chair) would need to attend in person for the meeting to be hybrid.
- No PowerPoints.
- Presentations would be roughly 9am-5pm (8-hour long days of presentations, other business, and 30-minute lunch breaks). Excess meeting dates would be cancelled.

Members discussed.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Peichel renewed his motion to approve the following guidelines for presentations:

- Presentations would be given by Zoom.
 - Members would have the option to attend in person or remotely; however, the chair would be in-person. Six members (including chair) would need to attend in person for the meeting to be hybrid.
 - Presentations would each be 15 minutes: 5 to present and 10 for Q&A with additional discretion to go over this time allotment if needed, especially for proposals requesting over \$1 million.
 - No PowerPoints.
 - Presentations would be roughly 9am-5pm (8-hour long days of presentations, other business, and 30-minute lunch breaks). Excess meeting dates would be cancelled. Discussion of which four days for presentations will be discussed in separate motion.
- Motion prevailed (16 Yes / 1 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson		X	Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	

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Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

Members continued discussions on what would be the meeting dates for presentations.

MOTION: Commissioner Peichel moved to have the presentations from June 27 to June 30, 2023.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Reese amended Commissioner Peichel’s motion to have presentations on June 22, 23, 27, and 28 – amendment prevailed (15 Yes / 2 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Moore		X
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Green - Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

Members discussed how to schedule proposals for presentation.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Peichel renewed his motion, as amended, to have presentations June 22, 23, 27, and 28 and staff will schedule “program projects” on the last day of presentations – motion prevailed (17 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

10. Presentation: Increasing Diversity in Environmental Careers, MN DNR, Mimi Daniel

- **M.L. 2022, Chp. 94, Sec. 2, Subd. 05h - \$500,000**

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- M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 05d - \$250,000
- M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 05I - \$550,000
- M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 05b - \$487,000

This agenda item will be heard at a future meeting.

11. **LCCMR Other Business**

There was no other business.

12. [01:34:09] **Public Testimony**

Rick Heller (unofficially representing twice disabled, twice exceptional) presented on accessibility.

13. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.