

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MEMO: Agenda Item #9

DATE: June 11, 2025

SUBJECT: **Discuss and Approve Selection of 2026 ENRTF Proposals for Presentation and Further Consideration**

Summary

400 proposals were received in response to the LCCMR's 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP). 106 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 April 28, 2025 meeting. Additionally, the DNR Grants Unit request (2026-497), LCCMR Administration (2026-007), and the Emerging Issues Account (2026-006) will advance automatically. At the June 11, 2025 meeting, members need to identify up to 9 additional selections (up to 3 each by the House, Senate, and Citizens) for presentations.

Background

In response to the 2026 RFP, the LCCMR received 400 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$359 million. The amount available for appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) is approximately \$103 million. Commission members have individually completed their first evaluation of the proposals and now need to select the proposals for presentation and further consideration for funding.

On April 28, 2025, the commission voted to select the top 91 proposals chosen by the greatest number of individual members during their evaluation #1. If the 91 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 91. Consequently, 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, 106 proposals have been provisionally selected for presentation and further consideration. These 106 proposals are shown in the attached spreadsheet. The 91 cut-off was in the middle of a group of proposals selected by 9 members. Excluding all the tied proposals would have resulted in 70 proposals being selected; including all the tied proposals resulted in 106 proposals being selected, which is closer to 91. Therefore, 106 proposals have been provisionally selected for presentation and further consideration for funding. The total amount requested by those 106 is \$146,121,000. These results were emailed to members and posted to the meeting page of the website on June 9, 2025.

Selection of up to 9 additional proposals

During the June 11, 2025 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 with 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.