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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Time: 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Location: HYBRID: Room G-23, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 and through electronic means ([YouTube](#))

Members Present: Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, William Faber, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. Fong Hawj, Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Shona Langseth, Rep. Leon Lillie, Sen. Jennifer McEwen, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Rep. Roger Skraba

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

Members Excused: Rep. Sydney Jordan, Seth Moore, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Sen. Fong Hawj

Chair Hawj called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Hawj asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 13 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Commissioner Albrecht	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Langseth	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Beeman	Yes	Commissioner Lillie - Rep	Absent
Commissioner Faber	Yes (remote)	Commissioner McEwen - Sen	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	Yes	Commissioner Moore	Excused
Commissioner Green – Sen	Yes	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Yes	Commissioner Reese	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hedstrom	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Skraba – Rep	Yes
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	Excused		

2. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

Members reported the following conflicts of interest.

Agenda Item: 02b

Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, William Faber, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. Fong Hawj,
Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Sydney Jordan, Shona Langseth, Rep. Leon Lillie,
Sen. Jennifer A. McEwen, Seth Moore, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Rep. Roger Skraba, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest	Direct Personal Financial Interest in the Organization
2025-078	Bradley	Heins	Agrivoltaics 2.0 Building a Resilient E-Farm	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2025-182	Karlin	Ziegler	Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site Improvements	Olmsted County	Shona Langseth	No
2025-241	Joel	Tallaksen	Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to Reduce Environmental Impacts	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2025-309	Michelle	Carstensen	Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota Moose	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	Seth Moore	Yes

Commissioner Lillie joined the meeting remotely.

3. Action: Work plans for projects funded in M.L. 2025

a. Approve consent agenda

- **2025-034, Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and Environmental Leadership, \$330,000, North Hennepin Community College**

Michael Varien provided an overview of ENRTF ID: 2025-034 titled, “Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and Environmental Leadership”. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht moved to approve Line 2 – ENRTF ID: 2025-034 titled, “Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and Environmental Leadership”, from the spreadsheet titled, “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2025 (FY2026)-September 16, 2025”, under “Category A. Consent Agenda - work plans accepted by staff with reasonable changes from original proposals” – motion prevailed (13 Yes / 1 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Beeman	X		Commissioner Lillie - Rep	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner McEwen - Sen	X	
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	X		Commissioner Moore	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen		X	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hedstrom	X		Commissioner Skraba – Rep	X	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	

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Commissioner Jordan - Rep	Excused			
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b. Non consent items:

- **2025-306, Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy from Food Waste, \$5,167,000, Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board ("R&E"). Melissa Finnegan, R&E Project Manager and Trista Martinson, R&E Executive Director**

Michael Varien provided an overview of ENRTF ID: 2025-306 titled, "Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy from Food Waste". Members discussed. Melissa Finnegan - R&E Project Manager, Trista Martinson - R&E Executive Director, and Bill Keegan – Dem-Con answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve Line 4 – ENRTF ID: 2025-306 titled, "Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy from Food Waste", from the spreadsheet titled, "Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2025 (FY2026)-September 16, 2025" under "Category B. Non-Consent – work plans needing LCCMR review prior to approval due to various factors" and it is subject to the notes and contingencies provided on the spreadsheet – motion prevailed (13 Yes / 1 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Beeman	X		Commissioner Lillie - Rep	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner McEwen - Sen	X	
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	X		Commissioner Moore	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen		X	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hedstrom	X		Commissioner Skraba – Rep	X	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	Excused				

c. Plan for remaining work plans

4. LCCMR other business

There was no other business.

5. Public testimony

There was no public testimony.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.