

LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where – St. Paul campus U of MN

Cargill building, corner of Gortner and Dudley

Parking in public parking lots near Gortner Ave –

See link: <http://www1.umn.edu/pts/maps/spcolr.htm>

Vice Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

Commission Members Present: Sen. Ellen Anderson, Al Berner, Jeffrey Broberg, Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Rep. Ron Erhardt, Sen. Dennis Frederickson, Nancy Gibson, John Herman, John Hunt, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Rep. Jean Wagenius.

Staff Present: Dir. J. Velin, Susan Thornton, M. McDonough, D. Griffith

Guests: Rep. Al Doty, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Rep. Rick Hansen, Rep. Aaron Peterson

Excused Absence: Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, David Hartwell, Rep. Kathy Tingelstad, Sen. Jim Vickerman

Nancy Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. All arrive at Cargill building Seminar room

Welcome from of Extension and Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, Bev Durgan.

Invasive species seminar and quarantine facility(short walk) ; discuss ideas and priorities with experts – Ray Newman, Neil Anderson, Dave Ragsdale (all U of M) ,Teresa McDill - Dept. of Agriculture, Jay Rendall - DNR, Luke Skinner - DNR

The Dean of Extension and Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, Bev Durgan welcomed the LCCMR to the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus.

Luke Skinner (DNR) and others gave a presentation about invasive species. See Attachment A – LCCMR Invasive Species Meeting Agenda.

Powerpoint presentation is posted on the web at: <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/MeetingNotices.html>.

4. Current research activities and research needs on biofuels and the impacts on water, habitat, forests, and prairies - Dick Hemmingsen Institute on Energy and Environment (IREE) U of MN.

Dick Hemmingsen from the Institute on Energy and Environment (IREE) presented a presentation on alternative energy.

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3. Follow-up discussion on implications of invasive species for strategic plan and RFP

Members agreed to have a follow up discussion regarding invasive species at a future meeting date.

5. Continue Work program approval

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A. Consider DNR Forest easements work program and guidelines / standards for approval M.L. 2007, Chap. 30, Subd 4a

Dick Peterson, Bill Becker, and Kathy Lewis spoke to members about state mineral rights and their relationship to Forest Conservation Easements. Jim Japs (DNR) discussed water appropriations.

Members agreed to continue the discussion on M.L. 2007, Chap. 30, Subd. 4a – Forest Legacy Conservation Easements at a future meeting.

Members decided to form an ad hoc working group to discuss minimum standards. LCCMR members interested in the working group are: John Herman, Mary Mueller, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Rep. Jean Wagenius, and David Hartwell.

Kathy Lewis (DNR Minerals) informed members that she is on a team that will be issuing a report in January 2008 regarding all Conservation Easements for the whole DNR.

Mary Mueller moved that the LCCMR approve M.L. 2007, Chap. 30, Subd. 4a – Forest Legacy Conservation Easements by June 26th and the working group will discuss the larger issue of easements before the LCCMR meeting on June 26, 2007 and come back with a recommendation on easement minimum standards for LCCMR to prioritize funding – motion approved.

B. Consider additional work programs:

1. M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd. 4f Metro Regional Parks – without easements, see letter

Sen. Dennis Frederickson moved to approve M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd. 4f - Metro Regional Parks – motion prevailed.

2. Postponed M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd 4b3f (PF)

The work program is not ready.

3. M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd 4b Outstate Corridors: 4b2c and 4b3c (DU), 4b2n, 4b3g, 4b4g, (TNC), 4b2g (DNR), 4b3a (MLT), 4b4c (TPL)

Sen. Dennis Frederickson moved to approve the following work programs M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd 4b Outstate Corridors: 4b2c and 4b3c (DU), 4b2n, 4b3g, 4b4g, (TNC), 4b2g (DNR), 4b3a (MLT), 4b4c (TPL) – motion prevailed

4. M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd. 4b Metro Corridors: 4c 2.4 and 4c3.4 (DNR), 4c3.1 (TPL), 4c3.2 (MLT), 4c3.5 (DNR)

Sen. Dennis Frederickson moved to approve the following work programs M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd. 4b Metro Corridors: 4c 2.4 and 4c3.4 (DNR), 4c3.1 (TPL), 4c3.2 (MLT), 4c3.5 (DNR) – motion prevailed.

5. M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd. 5b (BWSR) - Renville Soil and Water Conservation District

Sen. Dennis Frederickson moved to approve M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Subd. 5b (BWSR) - Renville Soil and Water Conservation District – motion prevailed.

6. Other business

7. Begin draft of strategic plan and Request for Proposals (RFP) format and content – see Biennial Report

John Velin began the discussion for the Strategic Plan and RFP by explaining the addition of meeting notes to the end of the Biennial Report. Susan Thornton explained the draft of the Preliminary Six-Year Strategic Plan to begin the discussion on the Strategic Plan and RFP.

See Attachment B – “Summary of Notes of Member Discussions” (LCCMR meetings between May 29, 2007 and June 20, 2007).

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8. **Adjourn - Carpool returning to State Office Building parking lots**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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