

LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge

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Directions:

National Wildlife Refuge Bloomington MN

The Visitor Center is located at 3815 American Blvd. East in Bloomington, across from the Airport Hilton Hotel. From I-494, exit on 34th Ave. and drive south. Turn left on American Blvd. East and drive 1/4 mile to the entrance on the right. Link: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/MinnesotaValley/lands.html>

Co-Chair: Sen. Jim Vickerman

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

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

Excused Absence: Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Rep. Kathy Tingelstad

Track 29

Rep. Jean Wagenius called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

Vicki Sherry (Refuge Wildlife Biologist) and Mike Malling (Private Lands Biologist) welcomed members to the National Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington Minnesota.

1. **Approve agenda**
2. **Approve minutes of 6/5/07 and 6/6/2007 – Co-Chair signs approved minutes**
3. **Review/discuss content and format for plan and RFP for 2008 funding**
 - see Past plan and RFP in biennial report

Review/discussion postponed to June 26, 2007 LCCMR meeting.

4. **Review Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan preliminary findings – Jean Coleman**

Jean Coleman (CR Planning) started the presentation on the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan's preliminary findings. See Attachment A – "LCCMR Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan Recommendations for Funding Opportunities".

Other presenters by group:

- Land – Paul Bockenstedt, Bonestroo
- Wildlife – Gerald Niemi, UM NRRI
- Water – Dave Mulla, UM
- Fish – Anne Kapuscinski, UM
- Air – Matt Simcik, UM
- Outdoor Recreation – Ciara Schlichting, Bonestroo

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

5. Discuss implications for strategic plan and Request for Proposals (RFP)

Lunch on site

6. Legal framework for wetlands, Board of Water and Soil Resources – John Jaschke (BWSR) and Lee Pfanmueller (DNR)

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7. Review state agency long term strategic plans – EQB Chair, Commissioner of Agriculture Gene Hugoson

- Summary of public comments and analysis of other strategic plans from background material and EQB response summer 2006

EQB Chair, Commissioner Gene Hugoson started the presentation on the state agencies overall natural resource priorities and the Dept. of Agriculture. John Wells (EQB) discussed EQB and the Dept. of Administration priorities, John Jaschke informed members about the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), Larry Kramka (Assistant Commissioner DNR) informed members about the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Dave Benke informed members about the Pollution Control Agency (PCA), and Frank Pafko informed members about the Department of Transportation (MN DOT). The Dept. of Health did not have a representative. John Wells relayed to the members where the Dept. of Health information was in their packet.

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8. Non Government Organization (NGO) presentations: priorities and NGO strategic plans

Steve Morse (MN Environmental Partnership - MEP), Paul Aasen (MN Center for Environmental Advocacy - MCEA), and Tom Landwehr (The Nature Conservancy - TNC) represented MEP member ideas and advice for future funding.

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9. Discuss implications for strategic plan and RFP

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

10. Other business including work programs ready

11. Information on next meeting on June 26, 2007

John Velin reviewed the agenda for June 26, 2007.

Al Berner moved to approve M.L. 2007, Chap. 30, Subd. 5c – Land Retirement Effects on Minnesota River Basin Streams and M.L. 2007, Chap. 30, Subd. 5n – Cedar Creek Groundwater Project using Prairie Biofuel Buffers - motion prevailed.

David Hartwell moved to approve Dr. Carl Richards (if he accepts) as chair for the Peer Review Panel – motion prevailed.

Members agreed to remove Item # 6, 7, 8c1, 2 & 3 to a future meeting.

Members of the “subcommittee” to review forest conservation easements decided to meet briefly after the meeting adjourned.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

