

Susan Thornton, Director

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Room 5, State Office Building

St. Paul, MN

Members present: Sen. Ellen Anderson, Jeff Broberg, Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, Sen. Dennis Frederickson, David Hartwell, John Herman, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Kathy Tingelstad, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Jean Wagenius

Additional Legislators present: Rep. Kate Knuth, Rep. Dennis Ozment, Sen. Sandy Rummel

Staff Present: J. Velin, S. Thornton, M. McDonough, M. Banker, D. Griffith

Members excused: Al Berner, Rep. Ron Erhardt, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rep. Tom Rukavina

Co-Chair: David Hartwell

David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

Susan Thornton briefly explained today's agenda and explained the new meeting books.

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for July 8, 2008

2. Approve minutes for June 10 and June 11, 2008*

Rep. Lyndon Carlson moved approval of the minutes for June 10 and June 11, 2008 – motion prevailed.

David Hartwell recommended extending the LCCMR meeting on July 18 from ending at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Members verbally agreed to the changed in ending time.

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

Members reported no conflicts of interest for today's business.

4. Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan (SCPP) Final Recommendations

- Overview and discussion of the recommendations in the final plan (SCPP team members - Dr. Deborah Swackhamer, U of M; Dr. Anne Kapuscinski, U of M; Dr. Gerald Neimi, U of M; Dr. David Mulla, U of M; Dr. George Host, U of M; Dr. Steve Polasky, U of M; Dr. Les Everett, U of M; Jean Coleman, President CR Planning; and John Shardlow, Vice President Bonestroo Resources)

M.L. 2006, Chapter 243, Sec. 20, Subd. 10 titled "Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan".

Dr. Deb Swackhamer presented the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan (SCPP). See Attachment #1 for a copy of the presentation. Dr. Swackhamer explained that the Cost Benefit Analysis component will be completed later this summer. Susan Thornton explained that the plan recommendations were not available to the Cost Benefit Team and that it was agreed to with staff that this report would come at a later date to enable the analysis.

Dr. Swackhamer explained that all staff time with the University of Minnesota was donated as inkind for any work completed on the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

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Gerald Neimi (U of M, NRRRI) and Anne Kapuscinski (U of M) presented the Land and Aquatic Habitat recommendations.

Sen. Salveer Chaudhary asked if the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan reviewed the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and agreed with the SCORP plan. Dr. Kapuscinski said they asked the Outdoor Recreation Team (SCORP) to review the SCPP Land and Aquatic Habitat Team Recommendations and incorporate the SCORP findings as appropriate. Susan Thornton reminded members that the SCORP had been presented at the last LCCMR meeting on June 11, 2008.

5. **Media conference on Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan (Room 181 State Office Building)**
6. **Land Use Practice Final Recommendations - Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan**
 - **Overview and discussion of Land Use Practice final recommendations (Team members: John Shardlow, Vice President Bonestroo Resources; Dr. Les Everett, U of M)**

John Shardlow (Bonestroo) and Les Everett (U of M) presented the Land Use Practice recommendations. David Hartwell asked about buffers and the regulations regarding buffers being ignored. Dr. Les Everett explained that this report does not go into that level of detail.

Sen. Jim Vickerman asked about cleaning up Lake Pepin. Dr. David Mulla stated 85-90% of the sediment in Lake Pepin comes from the Minnesota River.

Sen. Dennis Frederickson asked about peak flows and if any of the assessments have been done previously. Dr. Mulla explained in agricultural areas it has been more difficult to get a handle on and there are two issues: peak flows and volume controls. Dr. Mulla responded this issue has a lot to do with the climate changes.

Jim Barton presented the Land Use Transportation recommendations.

Jean Coleman presented the Land Use Forest recommendations.

Rep. Jean Wagenius asked if solar power was compared to other renewable energy sources. Dr. Swackhamer said that solar power is not included in the Cost Benefit Analysis.

7. **Climate Change and Biodiversity**
 - **Presentation on climate change and biodiversity related to the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan (Dr. Susan Galatowitsch, U of M)**

Dr. Susan Galatowitsch (U of M) discussed climate change and biodiversity related to the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

8. **LCCMR member discussion of potential Land Use Practices Final Recommendations to include in Phase 2 of the Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Susan Thornton handed out a spreadsheet summarizing Appendix IX that had additional columns for Strategic Area and Recommendation Type for the members to use in their discussions.

See Attachment #2 for a compilation of LCCMR members comments related to Land Use Practices Final Recommendations.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

