

Susan Thornton, Director

## MINUTES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Meeting Time: 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Option: meet at State Office Building for carpooling or bus - depart at 8:00 a.m.)  
Depart State Office Building at 8:00 a.m. / Depart Cedar Creek at 4:30 p.m. arrive 5:30 p.m.

U of M - Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve  
Lindeman Research Center Building  
2660 Fawn Lake Drive NE, East Bethel, Minnesota 55005-9718  
Phone: 763-434-5131  
Directions: <http://www.lter.umn.edu/about/directions/>

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

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

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

Co-Chair: Rep. Kathy Tingelstad

Rep. Kathy Tingelstad called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for July 9, 2008**

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

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

**3. Welcome to Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve (Dr. Jeff Corney, Associate Director)**

Dr. Jeff Corney presented an overview of Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve and Trust Fund funded project work taking place there.

**4. Land and Aquatic Habitat Final Recommendations - Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan (SCPP)**

- Overview and discussion of Land and Aquatic Habitat final recommendations (Dr. Anne Kapuscinski, U of M; Dr. Gerald Nelmi, U of M; and Dr. George Host, U of M - NRRI)

Jerry Niemi (U of M - NRRI) discussed the Land and Aquatic Habitat recommendations.

George Host (U of M) discussed the mapping methods related to the Land and Aquatic Habitat recommendations and reviewed the Aquatic data. Mr. Host explained there will be a DataPortal available for the public to use the data from the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan. The DataPortal will be available in six to eight months on the internet.

Cindy Hagley (U of M - Sea Grant) responded to questions - How do we go about determining the effectiveness of the education funding? If there a model for an education program that says this actually works? What about extension programs at the University of Minnesota?

Anne Kapuscinski (U of M), Jerry Neimi (UMD, NRRI), and George Host (U of M) discussed all the Land and Aquatic Habitat recommendations.

**5. Update on Emerging Issues Account – LCCMR staff**

Agenda Item # 2

Susan Thornton updated members on the Emerging Issues Account and the activities of staff as directed by the Commission regarding posting the Emerging Issues Account on the LCCMR website and the proposal regarding VHS and Ballast Water. No further action was taken.

**6. Invasive Species Presentation**

- **Management and research priorities for aquatic and terrestrial species (U of M, DNR and MDA)**

David Andow (U of M) provided a presentation on the research and management framework for invasive species to assist the LCCMR to respond to:

M.L. 2008, Chp. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 16 – 2009 Recommendations

"In 2008, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources shall consider requesting proposals for biological control or other innovative control methods of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species."

- **Brief overview of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) and Ballast Water issues (DNR and MPCA) A more detailed informational presentation is to be scheduled for a future meeting.**

Luke Skinner (DNR) discussed the issue of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) and DNR activities regarding prevention.

Mary Jean Fenske (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency - MPCA) updated the members on MPCA's ballast water permitting schedule. Ms. Fenske informed the members that Lake Superior has 43 invasive species presently. Most ballast water discharged into Lake Superior take place in Superior-Duluth and Two Harbors in Minnesota.

Members requested that staff provide the list of identified invasive species and information about the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC).

**7. LCCMR member discussion of potential Land and Aquatic Habitat Final Recommendations to include in Phase 2 of the Request for Proposal (RFP)**

See Attachment #1 for comments.

**8 Site visit on Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve**

**9. Adjourn and depart to State Office Building (arrive at approximately 5:30 p.m.)**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

