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LCCMR Meeting
Friday, November 21, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Room 107, Capitol Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Members present: Al Berner, Jeff Broberg, Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Sen. Dennis Frederickson, Rep. Ron Erhardt, Nancy Gibson, David Hartwell, John Herman, John Hunt, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Kathy Tingelstad, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Jean Wagenius

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

Members excused: Sen. Ellen Anderson, Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, Rep. Tom Rukavina,

Co-Chair: David Hartwell

David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting

MOTION: Sen. Jim Vickerman moved to approve the agenda for November 21, 2008 – motion prevailed.

3. Approve minutes for September 23, 2008 and September 24, 2008

MOTION: Sen. Dennis Frederickson moved to approve the minutes for September 23, 2008 and September 24, 2008 – motion prevailed.

Co-Chair Hartwell requested that Item #13 on the agenda "Review 2009 LAWCON Proposal from DNR" be considered at the beginning of the agenda before Item #4.

Susan Thornton was asked to explain the LAWCON proposal. This money does not come from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund but is to be recommended by the LCCMR. The Legislature has asked the commission to have oversight of these funds.

MOTION: Sen. Dennis Frederickson moved approval of the LAWCON Proposal – motion prevailed.

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

- Review Conflict of Interest Policy in Operating Procedures

Members reported no conflicts of interest.

Rep. Kathy Tingelstad asked Susan Thornton to review the meeting packet. Susan Thornton reviewed the meeting packet for the day. Staff distributed Senator Ellen Anderson's letter dated

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November 21, 2008 to members. (See Attachment #1) Staff distributed letters and emails received in the LCCMR office regarding the use of the Emerging Issues Account for a proposal on nonferrous mining Environmental Review and Permitting.

5. Member Updates

Members discussed the recent passage of the Constitutional Amendment for natural resources and cultural heritage expenditures and the related statutory language for implementation. Members further discussed thoughts and ideas about the coordination of the new expenditures and expenditures from the Trust Fund. Members indicated that they want to have time set aside for a more focused discussion on the new funding and the Trust Fund.

MOTION: Jeff Broberg moved to have the Executive Committee meet to set a framework for the LCCMR discussion regarding the Constitutional Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and set an agenda for a LCCMR "retreat" – motion prevailed.

6. Review 2009 Biennial Report Requirements – due January 15, 2009

Susan Thornton discussed the biennial report. Susan Thornton called members attention to: #4 "recommendations to implement successful projects and programs into a state agency's standard operations", #5 "to the extent known by the commission, descriptions of the projects anticipated to be supported by the trust fund during the next biennium, #8 "any findings or recommendations that are deemed proper to assist the legislature in formulating legislation, and #11 "a copy of the most recent compliance audit". Susan is working with the Office of the Legislative Auditor on Options for #11.

7. Review 2009 Phase 2 proposals received

Members discussed priorities for 2009 funding including a desire to work across diverse landscapes, projects providing societal motivation, environmental studies, outreach and jobs. There have been changes since the RFP was issued (economy and passage of the dedicated funding). They discussed that there might be proposals they want to recommend be funded by the dollars in the new dedicated funding but also make sure that transitional funding is recommended.

Members discussed the method of the initial individual member scoring. There was discussion about a desire to both keep it simple and to have a more rigorous ranking. The criteria and scoring are to be reviewed before the next RFP.

8. Discuss process to select Phase 2 proposals for presentations

Members discussed the compilation of individual member scoring and how proposals fit the RFP.

MOTION: Rep. Kathy Tingelstad moved to select the following proposals in for a presentation each with ID #022-A1 and #029-A3 heard back to back, ID # 056-B2, 059-B2 and 060-B4 heard back to back and ID #074-C1 and 087-C1 heard back to back (total 14 proposals):

1. ID #022-A1 titled "Statewide Ecological Ranking CRP and other Critical Lands"
2. ID #025-A2 titled "Rim Match – Partnership to Protect Critical Grasslands"
3. ID #028-A3 titled "Protection of Granite Rock Outcrop Ecosystem"
4. ID #029-A3 titled "MN Farm Bill Assistance Project"
5. ID #036-B1 titled "Real-time Water-quality Monitoring in the Minnesota River Basin"

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6. ID #037-B1 titled "Certified Crop Advisors as Environmental Assessors"
7. ID #038-B1 titled "Does Intensified Tile Drainage Create More Erosive Rivers?"
8. ID #056-B2 titled "Minimal Impact Design Standards for Urban Stormwater Runoff"
9. ID #059-B2 titled "Municipal Stormwater Management Assessment Tool (MSMAT)"
10. ID #060-B4 titled "A Citizen-Based Approach to Stormwater Management"
11. ID #067-B4 titled "Cooperative Habitat Research in Deep Lakes"
12. ID #074-C1 titled "Ballast Water Sampling Method Development and Treatment Technology"
13. ID #075-C1 titled "Improving Emerging Fish Disease Surveillance in Minnesota"
14. ID #087-C1 titled "Emergency Delivery System Development for Disinfecting Ballast Water"

- Motion prevailed.

Lunch Break

9. Select Phase 2 proposals to request presentations

The meeting was reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

MOTION: Nancy Gibson moved to remove ID #033-A4 titled "Bertram Chain of Lakes Phase 2 Acquisition, ID #034-A4 titled "Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Land Acquisition 2009", and ID #026-A3 titled "Roadsides for Wildlife Accelerated Prairie Seeding" removed from consider – motion withdrawn.

MOTION: Nancy Gibson moved to select ID #065-B3 titled "Minnesota Drainage Law Analysis and Evaluation" and ID #066-B3 titled "Minnesota Drainage Law Analysis and Evaluation" be presented back to back. Nancy Gibson amended her motion to have a presentation only by ID #066-B3 titled "Minnesota Drainage Law Analysis and Evaluation" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Rep. Jean Wagenius moved to select ID #068-B4 titled "Vulnerability of Lakes to Endocrine Disruption" in for a presentation – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Mary Mueller moved to select the following proposals in for presentations:

1. ID #079-C1 titled "Developing and Improving the Efficacy of Biological Control"
2. ID #027-A3 titled "Minnesota Conservation Mentor Program and Academy"
3. ID #077-C1 titled "Lake Superior: Invasive Species and Ecosystem Change"
4. ID #057-B2 titled "Side Inlet Controls Research and Demonstration Project"
5. ID #076-C1 titled "Controlling the Movement of Invasive Fish Species"
6. ID #091-D1 titled "Projecting Environmental Trajectories for Energy-Water-Habitat Planning"

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7. ID #101-D2 titled "Energy Efficient Cities – Leading the Way"

8. ID #104-D2 titled "Home Energy Made Easy"

- motion prevailed.

MOTION: Rep. Jean Wagenius moved to select ID #090-D1 titled "Options to De-carbonize Minnesota's Electrical Power System" in for a presentation – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Sen. Jim Vickerman moved to select ID #078-C1 titled "Improved Management of Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed" in for a presentation – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Rep. Jean Wagenius moved to select ID #088-C1 titled "Native Plant Biodiversity, Invasive Plant Species, and Invertebrates" in for a presentation – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Jeff Broberg moved to select the following proposals in for presentations each (total 4 proposals)

1. ID #080-C1 titled "Prevention and Early Detection of Invasive Earthworms"

2. ID #039-B1 titled "Root River Small Watershed Implementation and Evaluation Project"

3. ID #030-A3 titled "Conserving Priority Land and Shorelands in Cass County"

4. ID #070-B4 titled "Implementing Protection Strategies for Minnesota Deepwater Lakes"

- motion prevailed.

Staff was requested to let proposers know of specific proposals members were interested in hearing together for possible coordination and integration.

MOTION: Sen. Jim Vickerman moved to select ID #045-B1 titled "Coon Rapids Dam – Water Quality Improvement Project" in for a presentation – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Jeff Broberg moved to select ID #082-C1 titled "Pest Risk Assessment for New Invasive Species Threats" in for a presentation – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Nancy Gibson moved to select ID #053-B1 titled "Reducing Lawn Pollution through Targeted Homeowner Education" in for a presentation – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Rep. Kathy Tingelstad moved to have staff request all proposals selected in on December 2, 2008 and December 9, 2008 – motion prevailed unanimously.

10. Review Phase I proposals presented and discuss any additional information received or requested

Members discussed wanting to ensure restoration projects have a plan for the funding of the complete restoration.

- Want to ensure measurable outcomes

- Review Phase 1 proposals for acquisition land consider providing dollars for one year and recommend remainder to the Council

11. Discuss allocations process for 2009 funding recommendations

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Members discussed that they should focus on the value and project outcomes rather than scoring. Members discussed that as an initial tool they would proceed as in the previous cycle to ranking High, Medium and Low.

12. Review any Emerging Issues Account proposals received

Members reviewed the responses from the University of Minnesota and from the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) declining to submit a proposal in regards to the memo from the LCCMR dated October 1, 2008 titled "Proposal requested by the LCCMR for the Trust Fund Emerging Issues Account".

No further action was taken regarding the letter dated October 13, 2008 from Dr. Vera Krischik titled "Mitigating Bee Pollinator Decline in Minnesota."

13. Review 2009 LAWCON Proposal from DNR

Action taken after Item #3.

MOTION: Sen. Dennis Frederickson moved approval of the LAWCON Proposal – motion prevailed.

14. Other business

Next LCCMR meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, Co-Chair – Sen. Jim Vickerman

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dewey Gibson