

Susan Thornton, Director

MINUTES

Friday, January 9, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Veterans Service Building, Room Vets B - 5th Floor

20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Sen. Ellen Anderson, Al Berner, Jeff Broberg, Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Nancy Gibson, John Herman, John Hunt, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Jean Wagenius

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

Members Excused: Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, Sen. Dennis Frederickson

Co-Chair: Sen. Jim Vickerman

Sen. Jim Vickerman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting

MOTION: Rep. Lyndon Carlson moved approval of the agenda for today's meeting – motion prevailed.

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

Members had no conflict of interest for today's meeting.

3. Approve minutes of December 9, 2008 and December 10, 2008

MOTION: Rep. Lyndon Carlson moved approval of the minutes for December 9, 2008 and December 10, 2008 – motion prevailed.

4. Review and adopt appropriation language for 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund recommendations to the 2009 Legislature

- Extension request for availability of appropriations for:

ML 2005, First Special Session Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 11,

(1) Subdivision 9(a) Completing a third-party certification of Department of Natural Resources forest lands, as amended by ML 2007 Chapter 30 Subdivision 16 (DNR) ; and

(2) Subd. 10(a) Clean Energy Resource Teams and Community Wind Energy Rebate and Financial Assistance Program, as amended by Laws 2006, Chapter 243, section 15. (Dept. of Commerce)

(3) Laws 2007, Chapter 30, Section 2, Subdivision 5(m), Threat of Emerging Contaminants to Upper Mississippi Walleye (St. Cloud State University)

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Susan Thornton started the review of the draft 2009 Recommendations (version JT034 dated 12/31/08).

MOTION: Jeff Broberg moved Sen. Dennis Frederickson written suggestion to delete from Subd. 3d "Sprinshed Mapping for Trout Stream Management" in line 4.4 the words "modern and historic" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Al Berner moved to delete from Subd. 4h "Protection of Granite Rock Outcrop Ecosystem" line 9.29 through 9.32 "...to acquire and restore perpetual easements of unique granite rock outcrops located in the Upper Minnesota River Valley"

and insert "...to acquire perpetual easements of unique granite rock outcrops located in the Upper Minnesota River Valley and to restore their ecological integrity." – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Rep. Jean Wagenius moved to delete from Subd. 4i "MN Farm Bill Assistance Project" lines 10.7 through 10.8 "...dollars leveraged and an evaluation of quantifiable improvements to water quality and habitat."

and insert "...dollars leveraged, quantifiable criteria and measurement of the improvements to water quality and habitat." – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Sen. Pat Pariseau moved Sen. Dennis Frederickson written suggestion to delete from Subd. 5a "Removal of Endocrine Disruptors: Treatment and Education" line 10.32 "such"

and insert "the" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Sen. Pat Pariseau moved Sen. Dennis Frederickson written suggestion to delete from Subd. 6c "Improving Emerging Fish Disease Surveillance in Minnesota" in line 13.25 the word "inform"

and insert "assist in" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Rep. Jean Wagenius moved Sen. Dennis Frederickson written suggestion to delete from Subd. 6e "Prevention and Early Detection of Invasive Earthworms" in line 14.8 the words "vectors of spread"

and insert "methods of spreading" – motion prevailed.

Members discussed Subd. 11 "Project Requirements" from lines 17.9 through 19.24 regarding restoration and the radius of 25 miles in the language requirement.

Members were asked to provide any suggested alternative language to staff prior to January 16 so that copies could be made for the meeting.

Members discussed the economy related to their recommendations and jobs.

Members decided to review the proposals during the next week regarding their discussion of final recommendations.

Susan Thornton discussed the three projects requesting to extend the availability of the appropriation to June 30, 2010.

- MOTION: Rep. Tom Rukavina moved Subd. 16 "Carryforward" from lines 21.10 through 21.29 to extend the availability of the following appropriations to June 30, 2010:
- 1) ML 2005, First Special Session Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 11, Subdivision 9(a) Completing a third-party certification of Department of Natural Resources forest lands, as amended by ML 2007 Chapter 30 Subdivision 16 (DNR);
 - 2) ML 2005, First Special Session Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 11, Subd. 10(a) Clean Energy Resource Teams and Community Wind Energy Rebate and Financial Assistance Program, as amended by Laws 2006, Chapter 243, section 15. (Dept. of Commerce)
 - 3) M.L. 2007, Chapter 30, Section 2, Subdivision 5(m), Threat of Emerging Contaminants to Upper Mississippi Walleye (St. Cloud State University)
- motion prevailed

Rep. Lyndon Carlson requested that Subd. 7c "Energy Efficient Cities" be requested to provide more budget detail related to outcomes. Staff suggested that the Center for Energy and Environment be asked to provide more detail at the January 16 meeting.

- MOTION: Rep. Jean Wagenius moved to insert the following rider language "Each parcel of land acquired shall have a restoration plan that, to the extent practicable, shall restore the land to its presettlement condition. Funding must be budgeted to provide for the restoration plan as well as the acquisition even if the restoration will take multiple years.

John Herman moved to amend Rep. Jean Wagenius's motion to delete the words "...presettlement condition." and insert "...condition consistent with the proposed management plan"

Rep. Jean Wagenius temporarily withdrew her motion for future discussion.

5. 6-Year Strategic Plan review and revisions (as needed)

- Adopt 6-Year Strategic Plan for incorporation into January 15, 2009 Biennial Report

Shelley Shreffler reviewed the 6-Year Strategic Plan. Members discussed edits and changes to the 6-Year Strategic Plan.

- MOTION: Nancy Gibson moved to amend the 6-Year Strategic Plan with the following language on page 7 bullet number 4 delete language and insert "Identify and manage lands suited for human activity by using best management conservation practices to minimize the negative effects on natural resources" – motion prevailed.
- MOTION: Rep. Jean Wagenius moved preliminary adoption of the 6-Year Strategic Plan with a review at the next meeting of the suggested edits and staff will make the grammatical and stylistic changes requested today – motion prevailed.

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6. Review and adopt Biennial Report to the Legislature - Due January 15, 2009

Susan Thornton reviewed the Biennial Report.

MOTION: Rep Jean Wagenius moved preliminary adoption of the Biennial Report pending adoption of the 2009 recommendations and final adoption of the 6-Year Strategic Plan on January 16 – motion prevailed.

7. Begin discussion of upcoming Request for Proposal to be finalized January 16, 2009

Susan Thornton asked members to email staff any ideas for the next Request for Proposal for compilation before the meeting on January 16, 2009.

8. Other business

Next LCCMR meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2009

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

