

Susan Thornton, Director

Minutes

September 22, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Room 5, State Office Building

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Sen. Ellen Anderson, Al Berner, Jeff Broberg, Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Sen. Dennis Frederickson, Nancy Gibson, John Herman, Rep. Larry Howes, Norman Moody, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Ron Shimanski, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Elizabeth Wilkens

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

Members Absent: Sen. Satveer Chaudhary

Co-Chair: Rep. Jean Wagenius

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for September 22, 2009

Commissioner Wagenius called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

2. Approve minutes for July 28, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting – motion prevailed.

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

Per the LCCMR Operating Procedures on Conflict of Interest, Jeff Broberg spoke to a letter addressed to the Co-Chairs of the LCCMR dated June 15, 2009 regarding a conflict of interest on the following three 2010 proposals because he has previously consulted on them: (1) Project Manager – Deborah Swackhamer (U of MN) titled Understanding Sources of Aquatic Contaminants of Emergin Concern; (2) Project Manager – Phil Wheeler (Olmsted County) titled Identity-Protect Southeastern Minnesota Rare Groundwater-Fed Wetlands; and (3) Project Mager – Rob Keehn (City of Lake City) titled Hok-Si-La Trail Extension.

Commissioner Wagenius wanted to let members know her son and Dr. Shaw (LCCMR ID: 083-C Conserving Prairie Plant Diversity and Evaluating Local Adaptation) have worked together on papers published. She does not view this as a conflict of interest; however, she intends to exclude herself from voting on this project.

4. Review of 2010 proposal presentations from previous meeting

Members expressed concern for proposals that need some level of funding periodically to maintain a program. For example, some programs in 2010 proposals could lose staff if there is a break in funding.

5. 2010 Proposal Presentations – see schedule

See Attachment #1 for the presentation schedule. Members heard presentations every half-hour starting at 9:00 a.m.

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Members discussed each presentation as they were presented.

6. LCCMR Member Process Discussion

Members started their discussion on the 2010 decision making process. Discussion today was primarily related to ineligible costs and how members will rank the projects after all 2010 proposal presentations are heard.

7. Continue 2010 Proposal Presentations – see schedule

See Attachment #1 for the presentation schedule. Members heard presentations every half-hour starting at 1:30 p.m.

Members discussed each presentation as they were presented. The following items were requested by members:

1. LCCMR ID: 086-C – The Future of Wild and Scenic River Protection
Members requested a copy of the easement language and how they are protecting water quality. Susan Thornton informed members that staff will get a follow-up email from Kris Larson (MN Land Trust) to respond to this request.
2. LCCMR ID: 088-C – RIM Leveraging Federal Funds for Migratory Flyway Conservation
Members requested a copy of the easement language; how they are protecting water quality; the conservation plan; and number of conservation easements that have turned over in Morrison County plus any information about impacts of easements on sale price. Susan Thornton informed members that staff will get a follow-up email from Dan Steward (BWSR) to respond to this request.
3. LCCMR ID: 181-F – K-12 Urban EnvironEd Fellowships: Enhancing Preservice Urban Teacher
Susan Thornton requested more budget detail specifically related to K-12 Environmental Education and STEM training and curricular partner organizations and equipment – tools – supplies and contractor information.
4. LCCMR ID: 090-C – State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition
Commissioner Rukavina requested information about the source of funds for the Gilbert State Recreation Area. Members requested more information on how much the Parks and Trails Council paid for parcels included in this proposal, and the DNR's priority list of acquisitions. Susan Thornton informed members that staff will get a follow-up email to this request.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


