

Susan Thornton, Director

Minutes

September 29, 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, Nancy Gibson, John Herman, Rep. Larry Howes, Norman Moody, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Ron Shimanski, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Jean Wagenius

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

Members Excused: Sen. Dennis Frederickson, Elizabeth Wilkens

Members Absent: Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, Rep. Tom Rukavina

Co-Chair: Sen. Jim Vickerman

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for September 29, 2009

Sen. Jim Vickerman called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to approve the agenda for Sept. 29, 2009 – motion prevailed.

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

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

3. Review of 2010 proposal presentations from previous meeting

Members expressed concerns about the amount of dollars being requested in the proposals. Susan Thornton explained staff has requested from all 2010 project managers an additional budget sheet providing a cash flow by result.

4-5. 2010 Proposal Presentations – see schedule

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

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

1. LCCMR ID: 053-B1 – Year-round Produce Production: Using Waste Heat and CO2, \$416,506

Project proposers were asked to provide a revised budget page to reflect contributions from the private sector, clarify where the project will take place and specific partners, and provide more detail on what the project will do.

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2. **LCCMR ID: 061-B2** – Acquire-Develop Native Grasslands for Energy and Environmental Services, \$881,000

Project proposer was asked to provide a project timeline and a revised budget page clarifying acquisition (who is doing the work / who will own it), information on the SWCD field tech staff, and the source of other state funds.

3. **LCCMR ID: 064-B2** – Linking Habitat Restoration to Bioenergy and Local Economies, \$1,508,000

The DNR was asked to clarify whether the staff position is classified or unclassified and to provide a copy of the report to the legislature titled "Linking Habitat Restoration to Bioenergy: An East-Central Minnesota Partnership" by DNR Division of Ecological Resources.

Susan Thornton informed members she would follow up with St. Paul District Energy regarding the amount of biomass used and the price paid by their faculty.

4. **LCCMR ID: 066-B2** – Urban Anaerobic Digester and Community Greenhouse, \$1,950,000

A timeline for project milestones (planning, implementation, etc.) was requested.

5. **LCCMR ID: 068-B2** – Alternative Energy: Implementing and Educating, \$754,900

The project proposer was asked to provide a revised budget page at the proposed reduction to \$689,900 and to add information on line items identifying who is receiving dollars, sources of other funds, and what the match is going towards.

6. **LCCMR ID: 076-B3** – Combined CO₂ – Sequestration and Geothermal Electricity Generation in Minnesota, \$997,000

A revised budget page at the proposed reduction to \$485,000 was requested.

7. **LCCMR ID: 122-D** – Reducing Spread of Japanese Beetle and Emerald Ashborer, \$317,643

A revised budget page with more details on the budget items was requested.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


