
Susan Thornton, Director

Minutes

September 30, 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. Satveer Chaudhary, Sen. Dennis Frederickson, Nancy Gibson, John Herman, Rep. Larry Howes, Norman Moody, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Rep. Ron Shimanski, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Jean Wagenius

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

Members Excused: Elizabeth Wilkens

Co-Chair: Rep. Jean Wagenius

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for September 30, 2009

Commissioner Wagenius called the meeting to order at 8: 50 a.m.

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

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

Nancy Gibson mentioned she is on the board of Belwin Conservancy and it may be a conflict of interest on LCCMR ID: 084-C – Washington County St. Croix River Land Protection. Belwin conservancy is a project partner.

3. Presentation regarding Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (L-SOHC) Call for Funding Request (Bill Becker – Director, L-SOHC)

Bill Becker (Director, L-SOHC) reviewed the strategic planning process and goals of the L-SOHC and provided an overview of the L-SOHC 2010 Call for Funding Request.

As part of the discussion, Commissioner Wagenius discussed the MN River Basin Water Cleanup Expenditures by State Agency spreadsheet that House Research and fiscal staff had compiled. Commissioner Anderson requested that members receive a copy of the spreadsheet.

4. Review of 2010 proposal presentations from previous meeting

Members discussed the previous meetings proposal presentations.

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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6. LCCMR Member Process Discussion

The Co-Chairs began the discussion of their recommendation to the LCCMR for the beginning of the allocations process. Susan Thornton explained the 2010 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals LCCMR Members Scoring Submission Form as requested by the Co-Chairs. The due date for members to submit their scores for staff compilation would be October 8. The instructions are on the project spreadsheet.

Commissioner Berner asked how the data is going to be shown. Susan Thornton explained that each proposal score will be divided by the number of members who scored that project and scores can be shown multiple formats (by Request for Proposal category, from highest to lowest, etc.).

Members concurred to proceed with this process as a beginning tool for allocations.

7. Continued 2010 Proposal Presentations – see schedule

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

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

1. **LCCMR ID: 012-A3** – Understanding Sources of Aquatic Contaminants of Emerging Concern, \$917,432

Project proposer was asked to provide more information on why equipment is needed and information about any funds going to contractors (identify contractor, amount of dollars, and the work to be done).

2. **LCCMR ID: 087-C** – SNA & Native Prairie Restoration, Enhancement and Acquisition, \$8,000,000

The DNR was asked to provide more information on components of each result budget, an acquisition list indicating priorities for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund dollars; and more detailed budget information for contracts and equipment / tools / supplies.

3. **LCCMR ID: 089-C** – Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park Acquisition 2, \$7,800,000

Commissioner Howes requested letters of support from area legislators.

4. **LCCMR ID: 092-C** – Reconnecting Minnesota's Fragmented Prairie Landscapes, \$983,189

Project proposer was asked to provide a revised budget page showing more details on budget items and a letter explaining how The Nature Conservancy will work with seed producers.

Susan Thornton asked them to remove Item 2 (ineligible) from Result 1 and to reduce the budget accordingly.

5. **LCCMR ID: 095-C** – Protection of Granite Rock Outcrop Ecosystems, \$4,038,000

The budget presented was revised to \$2,970,330. A list of priority easement acquisitions and a list of rare, endangered, and of special concerns species was requested.

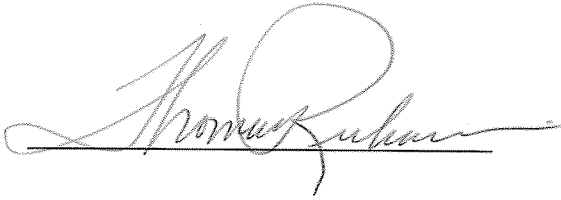
6. **LCCMR ID: 101-C** – Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP), \$8,272,890

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Members requested LCCMR staff to find out how much money each partner received in the 2009 appropriation from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (L-SOHC).

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas R. Kuhn", written over a horizontal line.