

Susan Thornton, Director

Minutes

October 1, 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, Norman Moody, Mary Mueller, Sen. Pat Pariseau, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Rep. Ron Shimanski, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Elizabeth Wilkens

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

Members Excused: Sen. Dennis Frederickson, Rep. Larry Howes

Members Absent: Sen. Satveer Chaudhary

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for October 1, 2009

Commissioner Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Susan Thornton reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

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

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

Members reported no conflicts of interest for today's meeting

3. Approve minutes for September 21, 22, and 23, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Mueller moved to approve the minutes for September 21, 22, and 23, 2009 – motion prevailed.

4. Review of 2010 proposal presentations from previous meeting

5- 6. 2010 Proposal Presentations – see schedule

Commissioner Wagenius handed out a spreadsheet prepared by House Research and fiscal staff regarding the MN River Basin Water Cleanup Expenditures by State Agency that was requested at the LCCMR meeting on September 30, 2009.

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: 131-E1** – Building Local Partnerships to Enhance Shoreland Conservation, \$269,677

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Project proposer was asked to provide more detailed information on salary, fringe, and tuition amounts.

2. **LCCMR ID: 133-E1** – “Green Acres” and Farmland Conservation in Minnesota, \$224,950

Susan Thornton requested a revised budget by deleting the Executive Directors salary and office expenses (ineligible expenses).

3. **LCCMR ID: 137-E1** – Lower Mississippi River Habitat Restoration Program, \$740,000

Project proposer was asked to provide a project timeline and a revised budget providing more detail with contract selection, easement/acquisitions, and provide names of project partners and amounts in-kind.

4. **LCCMR ID: 141-E2** – Monitoring and Modeling Minnesota Landscapes and Ecosystem Services, \$390,000

The project managers were asked to get back to the Commission with a support letter from PCA with why the information is needed; who will use the information; and the current level of PCA support regarding this project and why it is at that level.

A revised budget sheet to exclude conferences (ineligible) was requested.

5. **LCCMR ID: 216-G** – Science and Innovation from the Soudan Iron Mine, \$551,451

A revised budget removing conference travel (ineligible) and providing dollar amounts for salary, fringe and tuition was requested.

6. **LCCMR ID: 220-G** – Quantifying Carbon Burial in Healthy Minnesota Wetlands, \$432,000

The project manager announced they were reducing their budget to \$144,090 because they received \$1.1 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to determine carbon burial under different management strategies. He was asked to provide an updated proposal and revised budget sheet.

7. **LCCMR ID: 221-G** – Mitigating Pollinator Decline in Minnesota, \$297,463

A revised proposal and budget sheet was handed out to members by the project manager.

8. Susan Thornton informed members she would contact Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA) in regards to personnel budgets fringe and tuition on all University of Minnesota's 2010 proposals under consideration.

After presentations, members discussed the “LCCMR Members Scoring Submission Form”. Members affirmed to use this form as recommended by the Co-Chairs. (See Attachment #2)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


