

Susan Thornton, Director

MINUTES

November 18, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 5

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, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Elizabeth Wilkens

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

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Vickerman

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for November 18, 2009

Commissioner Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Frederickson moved approval the agenda for today's meeting – motion prevailed.

2. Approve minutes for October 13 and 14, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved approval of the minutes for October 13 and 14, 2009 – motion prevailed.

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

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

4. Authorize LCCMR Staff to setup and conduct peer review (M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 6 and 7)

MOTION: Commissioner Frederickson moved to have staff conduct the peer review process as discussed – motion prevailed.

5. Report from members attending the IREE 3E conference, November 17, 2009

6. Presentation: "Global Warming – Reducing Carbon Footprints of Minnesota Schools" (M.L. 2008, Chp. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 6b)

Bill Sierks started the presentation on Global Warming – Reducing Carbon Footprints of Minnesota Schools along with Patrick Santelli, University of Minnesota Graduate Student (MnSCC Project)

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Coordinator), Dan Reinke, Environmental Resources Management, Inc. (ERM) (MnSCC Project Consultant), and Joel Haskard, Clean Energy Resource Teams (MnSCC Project Coordinator).

The following schools presented:

SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, Minneapolis

Teacher: Thomas Neiman

Students: Allison Orjala, Grace Hilbert, Devon O'Brien, Nermine Abdelwahab, Brenda Barrera, Abi Abu-Bakr, Louisa Carroll, Elise McGue, and Annie Wood

HENRY SIBLEY HIGH SCHOOL, Mendota Heights

Teacher: Lisa Johnson, Energy Manager - West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools

Students: Danny Bernick, Sidney Usem, and Thomas Flynn

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, Apple Valley

Teacher: Craig Johnson

Student: Katie Paulson-Smith

Commissioner Wagenius requested MPCA to provide suggested legislative language that would require vending energy misors on all vending machines.

7. Review and Adoption of Appropriation Language for 2010 Environment and Natural

MOTION: Commissioner Frederickson moved adoption of the Appropriation Language for 2010 and to change line 140 by replacing the "a" with "an authorized" for LCCMR ID: 101-C "Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership Supplemental".

Staff discussed with members delays in agreements with two USGS 2009 appropriations M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 5, paragraph (b) Vulnerability of Fish Populations in Lakes and M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 6, paragraph (b) Emergency Delivery System Development for Disinfecting Ballast Water. Susan Thornton requested that if after her meeting with USGS, MPCA and DNR she determines they need an extension of time for their appropriations that they be added to Subd. 16 Carryforward.

AMEND: Commissioner Berner moved to change the following in the Appropriation Language for 2010:

- (1) LCCMR ID: 217-G "Identifying Critical Habitats for Moose in Northeastern Minnesota" from Subd. 4 Land, Habitat, and Recreation to Subd. 3 Natural Resource Data;
- (2) LCCMR ID: 003-A1 "County Geologic Atlases and Related Hydrogeologic Research" from Subd. 3 Natural Resource Data to Subd. 5 Water Resources; and
- (3) LCCMR ID: 019-A3 "Updating the Minnesota Wetlands Inventory: Phase II" from Subd. 3 Natural Resource Data to Subd. 5 Water Resources; and
- (4) LCCMR ID: 026-A3 "Predicting and Mitigating Vulnerability of Trout Streams" from Subd. 4 Land, Habitat, and Recreation to Subd. 5 Water Resources

- amendment withdrawn.

AMEND: Commissioner Chaudhary moved to change the following in the Appropriation Language for 2010:

- (1) LCCMR ID: 217-G "Identifying Critical Habitats for Moose in Northeastern Minnesota" from Subd. 4 Land, Habitat, and Recreation to Subd. 3 Natural Resource Data; and
- (2) LCCMR ID: 026-A3 "Predicting and Mitigating Vulnerability of Trout Streams" from Subd. 4 Land, Habitat, and Recreation to Subd. 5 Water Resources

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- motion prevailed (Yes 8 / No 7)

AMEND: Commissioner Herman moved to change the following in the Appropriation Language for 2010 by adding the word "perpetual" before the wording "conservation easements" on line 176 for LCCMR ID: 097-C "Conserving Sensitive and Priority Shorelands in Cass County".

MOTION: Commissioner Frederickson restated his motion of adoption of the Appropriation Language for 2010 and to change line 140 by replacing the "a" with "an authorized" for LCCMR ID: 101-C "Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership Supplemental". Commissioner Frederickson accepted Commissioner Herman's amendment to add the word "perpetual" on line 176. The staff is to add two carryforwards to extend their appropriation to June 30, 2011: (1) M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 5, paragraph (b) Vulnerability of Fish Populations in Lakes and (2) M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 6, paragraph (b) Emergency Delivery System Development for Disinfecting Ballast Water. The staff is to make any grammatical and stylistic changes as needed and to be sent to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes – motion prevailed. (Yes 13 / No 2)

(NOTE: MS 116P.05 Subd. 2 states "Approval of the recommended legislative bill requires an affirmative vote of at least 12 members of the commission".)

8. 2010 LCCMR Calendar (adopted February 2008, revised meeting dates)

Members discussed the draft calendar and discussed deleting the meeting dates on July 7 and 8, 2010. Members discussed possibly adding June 10, 2010 and June 16, 2010. Staff will rework the calendar and make sure there is time for completion of the scheduled flow of work and will bring a revised calendar back to members.

9. Presentation: LCCMR land acquisition mapping for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

Michael McDonough demonstrated the web-based land acquisition mapping for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisitions.

10. Presentation: "Statewide Ecological Ranking of CRP and Other Critical Lands" (M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4g)

Greg Larson (BWSR), Aaron Spence (BWSR), and David Mulla (U of MN) provided an overview of the work to date and future activities.

11. Presentations:

- "Cedar Creek Groundwater Project using Prairie Biofuels Buffers" (M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 5n)

Clarence Lehman presented an update of several Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund related projects they are working on.

- Update on DNR Parks and Trails budget analysis and planning process (M.L. 2009, Chp. 172, Sec. 6, Subd. 3)

Forrest Boe provided an overview of DNR Parks and Trails budget analysis and planning process that was required by the legislature.

Commissioner Rukavina requested a breakdown of miles and types of trails and the related administrative costs.

12. Other business (as needed)

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


