

Susan Thornton, Director

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Room 10 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, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Elizabeth Wilkens

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

Members Absent: John Herman

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Vickerman

**Chair: Vice Co-Chair Sen. Dennis Frederickson**

**1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for December 1, 2009**

Commissioner Frederickson called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

The general consensus by members was approval of the agenda for today's meeting.

**2. Approve minutes for November 18, 2009**

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to approve the minutes for November 18, 2009 – motion prevailed.

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

Commissioner Gibson reported a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 4 Discuss amendment for the "Nongame Wildlife Management Account" work program (M.L. 2009, Chp. 37, Art. 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7).

**4. Discuss amendment for the "Nongame Wildlife Management Account" work program (M.L. 2009, Chp. 37, Art. 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7) - Carrol Henderson (DNR) and Andre Prael (DNR)**

Carrol Henderson (DNR) and Andre Prael (DNR) provided an overview of the Nongame Wildlife Management Account and the current amendment request to include Gray Wolf Research (M.L. 2009, Chp. 37, Art. 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6) for \$200,000 and Minnesota Conservation Corps (M.L. 2009, Chp. 37, Art. 1, Sec. 7) for \$50,000 as appropriated by the Legislature. This omission was in error when the work program was approved in June. In addition, the Division and Department Shared Services changes were itemized.

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MOTION: Commissioner Howes moved to table the amendment request for the Nongame Wildlife Management Account until the LCCMR meeting in January – motion withdrawn.

Susan Thornton stated from M.S. 290.432 Corporate Nongame Wildlife Checkoff:

“The commissioner of natural resources shall submit a work program for each fiscal year to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources in the form determined by the commission. None of the money provided in this section may be spent unless the commission has approved the work program.”

Susan Thornton explained that the LCCMR has review of the Nongame Wildlife Management Account expenditures as directed and appropriated by the legislature.

Commissioner Wagenius recommended LCCMR staff to invite House and Senate Research and fiscal staff to the LCCMR Meeting in January for some input regarding administrative department charges on the Nongame Wildlife Management Account.

MOTION: Commissioner Howes moved to approve the expenditure for Gray Wolf Research at \$200,000 and expenditure for Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) at \$50,000 – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Howes moved to table the discussion of the Nongame Wildlife Management Account regarding the administrative charges until the LCCMR Meeting in January and for LCCMR staff to have legislative fiscal staff attend the next LCCMR Meeting to talk about the fiscal ramifications and drafting of the law and how that meshes with Commission authority – motion prevailed.

Lori Naumann (DNR) provided an overview of the marketing and promotions of the license plates. Ms. Naumann stated that since May 2009 there have been 5 designs for the license plates and they have sold 19,000 plates. Ms. Naumann stated that the annual revenue generated from the sales of the license plates is approximately \$3.6 million.

**5. Overview and Status of the Comprehensive Statewide Sustainable Water Resources Detailed Framework (M.L. 2009, Chp. 172, Sec. 30) Deb Swackhamer (Water Resources Center, U of MN)**

Deb Swackhamer (Water Resources Center, U of MN) provided an overview of the Comprehensive Statewide Sustainable Water Resources Detailed Framework.

**6. Presentation: “Effects of Land Retirements on the Minnesota River” (M.L. 2005, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 7c) and “Land Retirement Effects on Minnesota River Basin Streams” (M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 5c) – Victoria Christensen (USGS)**

Victoria Christensen (USGS) provided an overview of the final reports for “Effects of Land Retirements on the Minnesota River” (M.L. 2005, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 7c) and “Land Retirement Effects on Minnesota River Basin Streams” (M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 5c).

**7. Finalize 2010 LCCMR Calendar**

Susan Thornton reviewed the revised 2010 LCCMR Calendar that was presented at the LCCMR meeting on November 18, 2009. Susan Thornton said staff will be polling all members via email to confirm the new dates.

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**8. Discuss priorities and criteria for the next Request for Proposal (RFP)**

Mike Banker reviewed the yellow sheet in the meeting packet titled 2011 RFP Selection-Scoring Criteria.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved approval of the Selection-Scoring Criteria Items 1 – 10 on the sheet titled 2011 RFP Selection-Scoring Criteria (see Attachment #1).

Shelley Shreffler reviewed from the meeting packet the salmon sheet titled "RFP Funding Priorities Discussion" and the blue sheet titled "RFP Funding Priorities and Selection Criteria, 2008 – 2010".

**9. Continue discussion on priorities and criteria for the next Request for Proposal (RFP)**

Commissioner Anderson began the discussion regarding an annual funding cycle vs. a biennial funding cycle. Commissioner Anderson spoke to how the Commission could have more site visits, public forums and issue seminars in a biennial cycle.

Members continued discussion of the merits of a biennial Request for Proposal (RFP) or an annual cycle. Commissioner Broberg explained that he was on the original Advisory Task Force that had proposed the annual cycle. Commissioner Broberg clarified that he did not think the Advisory Task Force was fully aware at that time the importance of the site visits and issue seminars when thinking of moving the Commission to an annual cycle. Commissioner Berner would be interested in a biennial cycle but would like to see an option between the years to work on any potential emergency issue. Commissioner Wagenius stated that she would like to have the Commission going around the state talking to citizens of the state. Commissioner Wagenius explained that this is one area that has become lost in the annual cycle.

MOTION: Commissioner Anderson moved to have the Commission have a biennial funding cycle and set aside a portion of the funds that would be available the second year for emerging or time sensitive proposals to be defined later – motion prevailed.

Members continued discussion on the Request for Proposal (RFP). Susan Thornton stated that staff will add a specific agenda item regarding discussion of the emerging or time sensitive account that would be available the second year of the biennium.

Members worked from the salmon sheet titled "RFP Funding Priorities Discussion" adding, deleting, revising priorities and issue topics for the next RFP. This will be incorporated into an RFP format for Commission Review on January 12, 2010.

Susan Thornton explained that at the LCCMR meeting on January 12, 2010 members will receive a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) based on the discussion of the LCCMR in a clean form and format for review and adoption.

**10. Other business (as needed)**

**11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Berner