
Susan Thornton, Director

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 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, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Elizabeth Wilkens

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

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Vickerman

Co-Chair: Rep. Jean Wagenius

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for January 12, 2010

Commissioner Wagenius called the meeting to order at 9:53 a.m.

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

2. Approve minutes for December 1, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Frederickson moved to approve the minutes for December 1, 2009 – motion prevailed.

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

Per the LCCMR Operating Procedures on Conflict of Interest, Commissioner Gibson reported a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 7, Discuss Amendment for the "Nongame Wildlife Management Account" work program (M.L. 2009, Chp. 37, Art. 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7) because she has been a part-time employee with the Nongame Wildlife program.

4. Update of 2010 peer review for recommended proposals

Michael McDonough gave a brief review of the Peer Review process for 2010 Proposals recommended by the LCCMR. Commissioner Chaudhary asked about getting a peer review for the educational proposals. Susan Thornton explained staff often uses technical advisors to review certain types of proposals (e.g. environmental education proposals).

5. Discussion and adoption of 2011-12 Request for Proposal (RFP)

Members discussed the 2011-2012 Request for Proposal. Many members provided suggestions and there was an overall general consensus of revisions as a result of the discussion. See Attachment #1 for the final adopted 2011-2012 Request for Proposal.

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MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to approve the 2011-2012 Request for Proposal as discussed and to have the staff make format, technical and grammatical changes – motion prevailed.

6. Discussion on Second Year Funding Options

Members discussed the pros and cons of setting aside some dollars for funding in the second year of the biennium.

MOTION: Commissioner Herman moved to amend the 2011-2012 Request for Proposal (as adopted) to add a sentence on page one under Funding Availability regarding the change to a 2 year funding cycle – motion prevailed.

Language added by staff per the motion:

“Through this RFP the LCCMR intends to make recommendations to the 2011 MN Legislature for appropriation of the majority of the funds available during the next two years. The LCCMR may choose to retain a small portion of funds outside of this RFP to be available for additional appropriation recommendations addressing specific time sensitive needs.”

7. Discuss the amendment for “Nongame Wildlife Management Account” work program (M.L. 2009, Chp. 37, Art. 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7) with legislative fiscal staff regarding the fiscal ramifications and discussion of the statutory provision for the Nongame Account per action of Dec. 1, 2009

Greg Knopff (Senate Research) started the discussion on the history of the role of the LCCMR regarding the Nongame Wildlife Management Account.

Jim Reinholdz (House Fiscal Analyst) and Dan Mueller (Senate Fiscal Analyst) discussed their handout on the history of budgeting of shared services at DNR in the budget process (see Attachment #2). Members discussed the handout. Carrol Henderson (DNR) and Steve Hirsch (DNR) presented the shared services amendment for the Nongame Wildlife Management Account work program for FY10-11.

MOTION: Commissioner Frederickson moved approval of the shared services amendment retroactive to December 1, 2009 – motion prevailed.

8. Other business (as needed)

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


