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June 9, 2010

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Senator Jim Vickerman
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Nancy Gibson
Co-Vice Chairs LCCMR
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State Office Building, Room 65
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Jeffrey S. Broberg, Citizen Commissioner
Notification of Conflict of Interest

Dear Co-Vice Chairs:

In accordance with the language relative to conflict of interest in the LCCMR Temporary Operating Procedures adopted June 10, 2008 I am notifying the LCCMR that I have a conflict of interest managed through procedures for seven proposals that have been submitted to LCCMR for consideration, therefore, I will not advocating for or against or voting on the following projects in the following categories:

- B. Water Resources:
 - a. 033-B Improving Habitat surface Water Quality through Precision conservation. Project Manager Mr. Andy Henschel, Shell Rock river Watershed District
 - b. 037-B. Prioritizing Critical Restoration Sites in the Zumbro Watershed, Project Manger Lisa Badens, Zumbro River Partnership
 - c. 039-B. Nitrogen Removal Capacity of Minnesota Groundwater-Fed Wetlands, Project Manger Linda Dahl, Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board
- C: Methods to Protect, Restore and Enhance Land and Habitat
 - a. 065-C1-2, Phase II southeast Minnesota Showcase Stream Restoration Projects, Project Manager Jeff Hastings, Trout Unlimited, Inc.
- D: Land Acquisition
 - a. 117-D Restoring native habitat/Water Quality to Shell rock River, project manager, Andy Henschel, Shell Rock River Watershed District.
- E: Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species

- a. 128-E Controlling Terrestrial Invasive Plants with Grazing Animals, Project Manger Jeff Koster, Hiawatha Valley Resources Conservation and Development District
- G: Environmental Education
 - a. Zumbro Watershed comprehensive Water Literacy for Change, Project Manager Lisa Eadens, Zumbro Watershed Partnership

I have reviewed the Operating Procedures and as required I am making a written disclosure of the potential for conflict due to the fact that I have consulted, without payment, to the proposers of the cited projects or the proposers are, or have been, clients of McGhie & Betts Environmental Services, Inc. (MBESI). MBESI is not, and will not be directly involved in any of the named proposals.

As I have stated before I am also writing because I am sensitive to the perception of a prohibiting conflict of interest derived from similar names of separate companies in Rochester, MN. I have a direct ownership interest and derive a direct personal financial benefit from McGhie & Betts Environmental Services, Inc. (MBESI) of Rochester, MN. MBESI is distinctly Minnesota Corporation from McGhie & Betts, inc. (MBI) and is separate legal entity, under different ownership, management and operations from MBI. I do not have ownership, nor do I derive any direct, or indirect, financial benefit from McGhie & Betts, Inc. Unfortunately there may be an erroneous perception that MBI and MBESI are the same or otherwise financially related.

For the identified projects I have no current or future role as a project manager and will not serve on a relevant technical advisory or peer review panel for the three proposals. Furthermore I receive no direct, or indirect, personal financial benefit from MBI or from any of the proposed projects. The managers and staff of MBI may have assisted, consulted and provided a scope of services and cost estimates for the above projects.

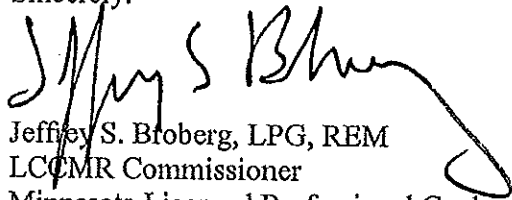
I have consulted with our corporate attorney Dan Berndt of Dunlap and Seegar to review the potential for prohibitions due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Berndt reviewed the MBI involvement, the lack of MBESI involvement and reviewed the LCCMR Operation Procedures. Mr. Berndt has advised me that I have no conflict of interest subject to prohibitions because I am not a project manager and have no financial interest or owner/principal status with MBI. I respectfully submit this information to the LCCMR for your review and determination (see attached).

I do I have a conflict of interest to be managed through procedures in the seven cited proposals, therefore, I am writing to notify the LCCMR that I shall recuse myself from consideration of the seven cited proposals. I will not advocate for or against, nor will I vote on the three proposals cited.

I want to also note that one project is proposed for the Watershed where I reside and other projects would benefit natural resources in areas where I recreate, however, these interests are not defined as conflicts under our operating procedures.

I hope this provides clarity for the confusion between my financial interests in McGhie & Betts Environmental Services, Inc. and my lack of financial ties to McGhie & Betts, Inc. and I hope this letter satisfies the LCCMR Operating Procedures. If the LCCMR co-vice chairs, or the LCCMR staff needs further clarification, or if the LCCMR has further guidance or requirements to satisfy and to complete my recusal please notify me at 507-289-3919 or at my work address.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Broberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jeffrey S. Broberg, LPG, REM
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