

Susan Thornton, Director

MINUTES

Monday, February 18, 2013
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
State Office Building, Room 5
St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Tom Cook, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Rep. Dan Fabian, Nancy Gibson, Bonnie Harper-Lore, John Herman, Sen. John Hoffman, Rep. Leon Lillie, Norman Moody, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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

Members Absent: Rep. John Persell and Sen. David Tomassoni

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for February 18, 2013

Co-Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Susan Thornton reviewed the meeting packet for today's meeting.

2. Approve the minutes for November 28, 2012

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve the minutes for November 28, 2012 – motion prevailed.

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

MS 116P.09 Subd 6 Conflict of Interest. A commission member, technical advisory committee member, a peer review panelist, or an employee of the commission may not participate in or vote on a decision of the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel relating to an organization in which the member, panelist, or employee has either a direct or indirect personal financial interest. While serving on the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel, or being an employee of the commission, a person shall avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Members reported no conflict of interests for today's meeting.

4. LCCMR member and staff introductions

5. Overview

- **Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) background and M.S. 116P (Biennial Report Appendix)**
- **2013 Biennial Report (M.S. 116P.09 Subd. 7) adopted November 28, 2012**
- **LCCMR Strategic Plan adopted January 16, 2009, Reviewed November 17, 2011 and June 5, 2012 (Biennial Report Section I. Strategic Plan)**
- **Review Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Operating Procedures adopted September 23, 2008 -- including discussion of election procedures. Set date for elections of Executive Committee**

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Commissioner Gibson gave an overview of the LCCMR. Susan Thornton reviewed the meeting materials for today's meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Sen. Dahms moved to have the LCCMR elections on Monday, February 25, 2013 – motion prevailed.

6. Discuss 2013-2014 Calendar

Commissioner Gibson reviewed the calendar with members. Members were requested to review the calendar and asked staff to poll members on their availability.

7. Review Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund M.L. 2013 (FY 14-15) recommendations from November 28, 2012

Commissioner Gibson started the Review Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund M.L. 2013 (FY 14-15) recommendations from November 28, 2012.

Susan Thornton handed out a sheet with amendments to the ENRTF recommendations approved November 28, 2012 in regard to Subd. 17 Carryforwards (See Attachment #1) to extend availability of Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), Updating the Minnesota Wetlands Inventory: Phase 2; Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), Scientific and Natural Areas and Native Prairie Restoration, Enhancement and Acquisition; Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Reconnecting Fragmented Prairie Landscapes; and Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (a), Biological Control of European Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard for one year as requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to approve the amendments regarding Subd. 17 Carryforwards for one year:

- Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), Updating the Minnesota Wetlands Inventory: Phase 2;
- Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), Scientific and Natural Areas and Native Prairie Restoration, Enhancement and Acquisition;
- Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Reconnecting Fragmented Prairie Landscapes; and
- Laws 2010, chapter 362, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (a), Biological Control of European Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard.

- motion prevailed.

8. Discuss LCCMR subcommittee to discuss contract fiscal agent for non-state appropriations and "direct and necessary" eligible expenses for future proposals – last action was to have Executive Committee appoint

Commissioner Gibson started the discussion on "direct and necessary" expenses. Members discussed the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) presentation from the House Legacy Committee meeting on January 15, 2013 and requested a transcript at the next meeting. Members requested that staff inquire if Jim Nobles, Director of the OLA would be available to further discuss the issue.

Susan Thornton handed out a sheet titled "Background on DNR Request for Direct and Necessary Expenses on ENRTF Projects" (See Attachment #2).

Commissioner Gibson explained the process of the fiscal agent for non-state appropriations and the proposal development of a subcommittee to review the issue. Susan Thornton said the appropriation bill language right now is blank as to the fiscal agent for non-state appropriations.

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Members agreed to wait until after elections of co-chairs to develop a subcommittee on "Direct and Necessary" expenses and fiscal contract management.

9. **Begin development of ENRTF 2013 Request for Proposal (RFP) to be issued by LCCMR (remaining ENRTF FY15 dollars available - \$29,460,000)**

Commissioner Gibson reviewed the materials for development of the Request for Proposal for FY15.

Members discussed ideas for priorities including: impact of toxins and contaminants on fish and wildlife health; supplant vs. supplement; emerging issues / use of new technologies; primary focus on drought (not a secondary focus) under the category of climate change and energy; residential energy conservation; urban farming; School Trust Lands; copper mining; and frac sand mining in southern part of the state

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

Next meeting February 25 to continue development of new Request for Proposal (RFP)

11. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

