

Susan Thornton, Director

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2013**

**8:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.**

**State Office Building, Room 5**

**St. Paul, MN 55155**

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

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

**Members Absent:** Sen. Gary Dahms, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Sen. David Tomassoni

**Co-Chair:** Nancy Gibson

**1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for October 2, 2013**

Co-Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Westrom moved to approve the agenda for October 2, 2013 – motion prevailed.

**2. MN Department of Agriculture overview of their competitive grant program (M.L. 2013, Chp. 114, Sec. 2, Subd. 4 "Bioenergy and Value-Added Agriculture)**

Greta Gauthier and Mary Hanks (MN Dept. of Agriculture) presented an overview of their competitive grant program.

Members requested MN Dept. of Agriculture to submit to staff what the percentage of corn grown in Minnesota is going to the production of ethanol.

Members requested MN Dept. of Agriculture to submit to staff how many family farms there are in Minnesota.

**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.

Commissioner Dziedzic called members attention to a previous letter from Tom Bottern, Senate Counsel, regarding a family member working at the DNR affirming it did not constitute a conflict of interest with MN DNR's proposals submitted.

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Commissioner Moody reported a conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 137-E "Solar PV at Minnesotas Residential Environmental Learning Centers", Dale Yerger— Deep Portage Learning Center because he serves on the Executive Committee of the Deep Portage Foundation.

Commissioner Faber reported a conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 134-E "District Heating With Renewable Biomass at Camp Ripley", Mark Anderson – Minnesota Department of Military Affairs/Minnesota National Guard because he is on the board of the Citizen Committee.

### **4. LCCMR Process and Issue Discussion**

Susan Thornton explained the process being used for this year's presentations. Jason Moeckel (DNR) handed out the DNR updated list of hydrologic areas of concern in Minnesota. Members requested to also receive the Metropolitan Council list.

Commissioner Westrom requested an update on M.S. 116P.10 "Royalties, Copyrights, patents, and Sale of Products and Assets".

### **5. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2014 Proposal Presentations (FY15) – see attached schedule**

See Attachment #1 for Presentation Schedule for October 2, 2013.

Members recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **6. Continue Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2014 Proposal Presentations (FY15) – see attached schedule**

See Attachment #1 for Presentation Schedule for October 2, 2013.

Members requested ENRTF ID: 187-G "Strategic Land Acquisition, Accelerating Sales and Exchanges" by Robert Tomlinson to submit to staff how many additional acres of school trust lands with wetlands they are intending to sell.

Members requested ENRTF ID: 172-F "Increasing Habitat and Ecosystem Benefits through Forest Management" by Kent Jacobson to submit to staff a more detailed budget breakdown.

Members requested ENRTF ID: 134-E "District Heating With Renewable Biomass at Camp Ripley" by Mark Anderson to submit to staff a more detailed budget breakdown.

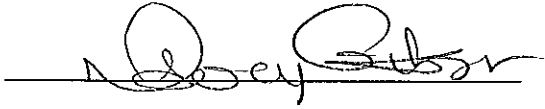
### **7. Other business (as needed)**

Members requested Jason Moeckel (DNR) and others to present at a future LCCMR meeting about water permitting allocations and nitrate management.

### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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