
Susan Thornton, Director

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 10

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Sen. John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Leon Lillie, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius,

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

Members Excused: Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Dan Fabian, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

1. Approve the minutes for June 4, 2014

Co-Chair Gibson started the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve the minutes for June 4, 2014 – motion prevailed.

2. 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 interest for today's meeting.

3. Member recognition of Tom Cook (LCCMR member term 2010-2014) and John Herman (LCCMR member term 2006-2014)

4. Overview of DNR "Direct and Necessary" Cost Calculation-- Dave Schad, Deputy Commissioner DNR

Dave Schad, Deputy Commissioner DNR, explained the DNR Direct and Necessary expense calculator.

5. Continuation of 2014 ENRTF Work Plan Approvals

M.L. 2014 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval Discussion and Action. Proposed Work Plans, as available, can be viewed at <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>

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Members reviewed the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval". Commissioner Torkelson commended staff for their work with the City of Morton.

Commissioner Persell asked about accessibility in the project Subd. 07f "Minnesota River Water Trailhead and Landing in Morton". Susan Thornton explained that there is language requiring compliance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) in the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations bill M.L. 2014, Chp. 226 under Sec.17 Accessibility.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve on the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval" Line 76, Subd. 07f "Minnesota River Water Trailhead and Landing in Morton" including the staff notes and the items needing specific work plan approval specified on the spreadsheet for certain work plans – motion prevailed.

6. Review ENRTF appropriations ending June 30, 2014 and final reports due

Susan Thornton explained the sheet titled "Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund – Final Reports Due June 30, 2014". These are all appropriations that will be completed by June 30, 2014. Ms. Thornton reminded members that these work plans are due in the office by August 15, 2014 and if members are interested in a site visit or presentation to let staff know.

7. Updates on items regarding ongoing appropriations

Susan Thornton reviewed some ongoing work plan issues, and stated there will more discussion regarding conservation easements.

Members agree there should be a process to more comprehensively review conservation easements.

8. Confirm 2015 ENRTF Proposal Presentation Schedule as selected on June 4, 2014

Susan Thornton reviewed the summary of 2015 ENRTF Proposals selected to present and the schedule for presentations.

9. ITEM REMOVED - Member review of request for Conservation Grazing on School Trust Lands in M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04i "Conservation Grazing to Improve Wildlife Habitat on Wildlife Management Areas", Mike Tenney,

Susan Thornton explained M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 4i "Conservation Grazing on School Trust Lands" decided not to use trust fund dollars for grazing on school trust lands.

10. Update on the County Geologic Atlas Progress and the Arrowhead Pilot Project (M.L. 2010, Chp. 362, Sec. 2, Subd. 3a, M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 03b1, and M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 3b) – Dale Setterholm and Tony Runkel, Minnesota Geological Survey

Dale Setterholm and Tony Runkel, Minnesota Geological Survey discussed the Arrowhead Pilot Project. See Attachment #1

Recessed at 11:48 a.m. Reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

11. Member review of amendment request M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j3c "HCP VII - Shallow Lake Conservation Easements" – Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited Inc.

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Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited Inc., presented an overview of his amendment request for M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j3c.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to approve the amendment request for M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j3c "HCP VII – Shallow Lake Conservation Easements" – motion prevailed.

12. U of MN Overview of M.L. 2014, Chp. 312, Sec. 8 "Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center", Brian Buhr, Dean CFANS U of MN

Brian Buhr, Dean CFANS U of MN, presented an overview of the new Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center.

13. Review of other State natural resource funds, Legislative Fiscal Staff

Brad Hagemeyer, House Fiscal Analyst and Greg Knopff, Senate Lead Analyst discussed other Minnesota Environment related funds. (Attachment #2)

14. Other business (as needed)

- Next steps in the process

Commissioner Persell stated a correction in the minutes of June 4, 2014 under Item 2. "Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's meeting" that the minutes be corrected to state "Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe" not "Leech Lake Board". (Attachment #3)

Members asked staff to poll for new meeting dates in July for the LCCMR meeting for Allocations discussions.

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

