

Susan Thornton, Director

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 5

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, William Faber, Rep. Dan Fabian, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Sen. John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Leon Lillie, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

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

Members Excused: Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Paul Torkelson

Co-Chair: Rep. Jean Wagenius

1. Approve the minutes for November 19, 2014

Co-Chair Rep. Wagenius started the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Lamppa moved to approve the minutes for November 19, 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.

Member reported no conflict of interest for today's meeting.

3. LCCMR Business Items

- **Review ENRTF Draft Appropriations Bill for M.L. 2015 (FY2016) including Spreadsheet (FY2016) as adopted November 19, 2014**

Susan Thornton reviewed the meeting materials related to the Appropriations Bill adopted on November 19, 2014.

Ms. Thornton read the appropriation language for the new appropriation titled "Conservation Easement Assessment and Valuation System Development" to the U of MN for \$250,000. Ms. Thornton explained that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) will meet on December 11 and will be discussing the request from the LCCMR regarding a match in dollars for this appropriation.

- **Adopt Biennial Report outline due January 15, 2015 and discuss M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7(4) Agency Implementation (Biennial Report Table of Contents – Section IV)**

Susan Thornton gave an overview of the outline for the Biennial Report due on January 15, 2014.

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MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve the draft Biennial Report outline due January 15, 2015 and to have staff update the report and correct any grammatical changes – motion prevailed.

- **Review LCCMR Executive Committee Election process for January 2015**

Susan Thornton reviewed the Executive Committee Election process.

- **Review LCCMR 2015 calendar**

Susan Thornton reviewed the 2015 calendar.

4. **Discuss proposed criteria for acquisition funding above 100% of appraised value**

- **M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 04b “Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition”, Arne Stefferud, Met Council**

Arne Stefferud, Met Council, introduced Dave Menden, Scott County Commissioner and Mark Themig, Scott County Parks Manager. Mr. Stefferud started discussions on the proposed criteria for acquisition funding above 100% of appraised value.

Member’s general consensus was to accept the criteria (see Attach #1).

5. **Review DNR’s letter dated November 25, 2014 regarding Partial Release of Brainerd Lakes Conservation Easement**

Richard Peterson, DNR and Susan Damon, DNR, provided an overview of the letter dated November 25, 2014 regarding the partial release of Brainerd Lakes Conservation Easement.

Member’s requested they continue working with LCCMR staff and comply with M.S. 116P.15 “Land Acquisition Restrictions” then come back with a formal request to release the easement on M.L. 2003, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 05a Restoring Minnesota’s Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase II Habitat Corridors Partnership, Richard Peterson, MN DNR.

6. **Discuss and adopt FY17 LCCMR 2016 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP)**

Mike Banker explained the edits to the FY17 LCCMR 2016 ENRTF Request for Proposal funding priorities. (See Attachment #2)

Commissioner Wagenius asked members if they have any changes to discuss on the RFP.

Commissioner Harper-Lore suggested adding the word wildlife after the word pollinator on line 88 and line 126 on the sheet titled “2016 Funding Priorities”.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to edit the sheet titled “2016 Funding Priorities” on line 88 after the word pollinators add the word wildlife and on line 126 after the word pollinators add the word wildlife. Commissioner Harper-Lore tabled her motion.

Commissioner Broberg started discussions on Category B. Water Resources. Commissioner Fabian suggested ending Item 1 at the end of the first sentence and deleting the second sentence and items i. through v. Commissioner Broberg said items i. through v. were meant to broaden any discussions related to water resources. Commissioner Fabian suggested adding at the end of the second sentence the words “but not limited to”. Members agreed.

Susan Thornton explained that the RFP is issued broadly. Ms. Thornton explained staff is always available to work with people on drafts.

Commissioner Lamppa stated more money should go towards local government units.

Commissioner Wagenius said some local government units are really good (i.e. Martin County) at applying for ENRTF funds. Commissioner Lamppa suggested giving the MN DNR, for example, an amount of money to be handed out for grants in a specific direction. He said, “then they would be

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able to just compete against other local government units instead of other state agencies or the U of MN". Commissioner Wagenius asked staff look at other ways to distribute the RFP to local government units.

Commissioner Persell recommended to edit the sheet titled "2016 Funding Priorities" on line 88 by replacing the word "including" with "on". Members agreed.

Commissioner Harper-Lore withdrew her motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to approve the draft FY17 LCCMR 2016 ENRTF Request for Proposal and have staff make any grammatical changes as needed – motion prevailed.

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

7. Overview on Ballast Water and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) - MN Pollution Control Agency and DNR

Ann Pierce, DNR and Jeff Stollenwerk, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency provided an overview of ballast water and aquatic invasive species. Members discussed.

Members requested PCA/DNR to submit a ballast water proposal in response to the 2015 Request for Proposal.

8. Continue Agenda Item #6 discussion and adoption FY17 LCCMR 2016 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP) - if needed

9. Other business

- Next LCCMR meeting dates Tuesday, December 16, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to cancel the LCCMR meeting on December 16, 2014 – motion prevailed.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

