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**Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

**8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**State Office Building, Room 5  
St. Paul, MN 55155**

**Members Present:** Jeff Broberg, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Sen. John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Gary Dahms

**Co-Chair: Sen. David Tomassoni**

Co-Chair Tomassoni started the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

**1. [00:01:02] Approve the minutes for February 18, 2016**

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to approve the minutes for February 18, 2016 – motion prevailed.

**2. [00:01:13] 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 Wagenius reported an indirect conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 004-A "Healthy Prairies II: Preserving MN Prairie Plant Diversity", Dr. Ruth Shaw – U of MN because her son collaborates with Dr. Ruth Shaw on other research.

Commissioner Lamppa reported a direct conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 180-G, "Tower Trailhead Boat Landing and Habitat Improvement", Linda Keith - City of Tower.

Commissioner Young reported a direct conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 101-C, "Providing Residential Environmental Learning Experiences to Under-Served Students", Bryan Wood - Audubon Center of the North Woods and ENRTF ID: 160-F, "Restoring 83-acres of Prairie, Savanna & Forest Habitat", Tom Lewanski - Friends of the Mississippi River.

Commissioner Gibson reported an indirect conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 016-A, "Cascading Effects of Wolf Recolonization", Isbell Forest - U of MN.

Commissioner Kari Dziedzic reminded members of a letter on file from Tom Bottern, Senate Counsel, regarding a family member working at the DNR affirming that it did not constitute a conflict of interest with MN DNR's proposals submitted. (See Attachment # 1)

Co-Chair Persell stated he has an indirect conflict with ENRTF ID: 174-G, "Leech Lake Natural resource Multi-Benefit Conservation Acquisition" Levi Brown – Leech Lake Division of Resource Management.

Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Bonnie Harper-Lore, John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

Co-Chair Tomassoni introduced a new member of the LCCMR staff Michael Varien to the commission.

**3. [00:05:11] LCCMR Business Items**

- **2016 Legislative Session Report**
  - **H.F. 2993 and S.F. 2963 the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Bill – M.L. 2016, Chp. 186**

Susan Thornton gave an overview of the 2016 Legislative Session Report. Members asked for a review of the spreadsheet. Susan reviewed the spreadsheet for M.L. 2016, Chp. 186 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations explaining the differences between the House, Senate, Conference Committee, and the Final bill.

Members discussed the differences between the House, Senate and Conference Committee bills for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Members asked when the bill is active (date of enactment). Ms. Thornton stated on July 1, 2016.

Members asked how much money is remaining from the Governor's vetoes and how it would work to appropriate the money. Susan explained there is approximately \$8.4 million remaining for FY2017 resulting from the Governor's vetoes and the appropriations would need to be enacted before the end of the next fiscal year (FY17). For example, the appropriations would have to be written to start at day of enactment or to be started by June 30, 2017.

Members asked what would happen to the money if not spent. Ms. Thornton said it would stay in the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Broberg moved to bring the appropriations back that were eliminated in the House Bill for a total of ~\$8.4M – motion withdrawn.

Co-Chair Tomassoni reminded members that the Legislature has the priority to change any bill and the governor has the right to veto.

Members recommended having a review of the ENRTF constitution language.

[1:04:20] Co-Chair Tomassoni asked members to agree to 1) Review projects that were a part of the LCCMR recommendations that were deleted in the legislature; 2) Review the projects that were vetoed by the Governor; and 3) As part of the selection process determine which ones we are going to put in the next LCCMR recommendation to the Legislature.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Broberg moved to bring the appropriations in for a presentation that were removed in the House bill for approximately \$8.4 million and the projects that were vetoed.

Commissioner Persell said that he supports bringing the projects in for a presentation that were removed in the House Bill but he cannot agree to supporting the vetoed projects.

Commissioner Gibson asked Commissioner Broberg if he would amend his motion into two separate motions. One motion for bringing the appropriations in for a presentation that were removed in the House Bill and a second motion for the vetoed projects. Co-Chair Tomassoni suggested the vetoed projects should be given the opportunity to be heard and some may not even want to present.

**RENEWED MOTION:** Commissioner Broberg renewed his motion to bring the appropriations in for a presentation that were removed in the House bill for approximately \$8.4 million and the projects that were vetoed – motion withdrawn.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Broberg moved to bring the appropriations in for a presentation that were removed in the House bill for approximately \$8.4 million.

Members asked when are the LCCMR presentations scheduled? Susan explained the LCCMR presentations will be on June 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, and 29 and allocations meetings are scheduled for July 12-13 and language would be in November.

Co-Chair Tomassoni suggested taking a break from discussion of M.L. 2016, Chp. 186 and move on to the agenda item.

Commissioner Westrom asked Commissioner Broberg to lay his motion on table. Commissioner Broberg agreed to lay his motion on the table.

- **Review of other legislative action of interest**
- **[01:28:23] Review Procedures of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)**

Susan Thornton reviewed the draft revisions to the adopted Operating Procedures of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. (See Attachment # 2)

**MOTION:** Commissioner Moody moved to approve the revisions to Operating Procedures of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources – motion prevailed.

Members discussed whether or not they need to have elections by July 1. Co-Chair Tomassoni explained that the chairs that were elected have a two year term and the law that was passed was effective July 1 but does not say that the previous election is annulled. Members asked staff to get consultation from House and Senate research staff in regards to the new language related to the elections of co-chairs of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

- **[01:40:30] Update on LCCMR Grants Management System**

Mike Banker gave an overview of the status of the LCCMR Grants Management System.

- **[01:41:24] Update on 2016 Final Reports for ENRTF ending June 30, 2016**

Susan Thornton explained the sheet titled "Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund – Final Report due June 30, 2016".

Members discussed how research projects are disseminated, evaluation of work plans and how to evaluate final reports to assure that the accomplishments are consistent with what was proposed. Staff explained projects are disseminated to public and private entities and reviewing the final reports list helps give members an opportunity to point out any projects of interest to bring in for a presentation.

- **[02:04:30] Review LCCMR 2016 calendar**

Susan reviewed the LCCMR 2017 calendar. Staff handed out a potential site visit - LCCMR 2016 Northeast Tour. Commissioner Gibson suggested including the International Wolf Center in Ely in the site-visit.

**4. [02:08:12] University of Minnesota (U of MN) disbursements from the ENRTF**

- **M.L. 2016, Sec. 7. M.S. 2014, Sec. 137.025 - Subd. 2a Appropriations from Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund**
- **Discussion of future U of MN earnings payments to ENRTF for appropriations prior to July 1, 2016**

Koryn Zewers (U of MN – Budget and Finance) gave an update on the U of MN reimbursement plan. Ms. Zewers explained the language that was added to M.S. 2014, Sec. 137.025 as a result of the Office of Legislative Auditor (OLA) audit of the ENRTF by. (See Attachment # 3). Ms. Zewers believes the U of MN did have appropriate internal controls. Ms. Zewers said the University will

reimburse the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the interest earned from February 11, 2016 until the appropriations are spent. This timeframe encompasses the point at which all parties became aware of the issue.

Ms. Zewers said it will be necessary to obtain Board of Regents approval to remit the interest payments back to the State of Minnesota. Ms. Zewers said the President included that request as part of his annual operating budget recommendation to the Board on May 11-12, 2016. Ms. Zewers said the Board of Regents will take action on the University's operating budget at its June 9-10, 2016 meeting.

The University will reimburse the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund quarterly in November, February, May, and August based on an analysis of revenues, expenses, and the University's Temporary Investment Pool's total yield rate. Once the payment falls below \$50,000 the University will adjust its payment schedule to an annual payment in August.

Commissioner Hoffman asked if the U of MN was going to pay back the \$521,000 of previous interest. Ms. Zewers explained that the \$521,000 was not a part of the agreement and that the U of MN has agreed to payback only from February 11, 2016 which is when all parties became aware of the issue.

Commissioner Dziedzic said she had a discussion with Mr. Richard Pfutzenreuter (U of MN, VP and CFO) and he said that the issue is not complete yet. Commissioner Hoffman stated he would like to see the money returned to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Commissioner Hoffman stated for the record that he is not agreeing with what was said today but will withhold further comments because Commissioner Dziedzic is still discussing with the U of MN regents and others.

**5. [02:56:46] University of Minnesota Office of Technology Transfer Update – ENRTF funded inventions at the U of MN**

Paul Severin (U of MN – General Counsel) and Carlon Doyle Fontaine (Senate Counsel) presented today.

Ms. Doyle Fontaine discussed M.S. 116P.10. Mr. Severin explained the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Members discussed. Susan Thornton said this document lays the framework to how this process would proceed for future potential royalties, copyrights, patents, and sale of products and assets.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding – motion prevailed.

**6. [03:22:40] Updates on Metropolitan Regional Parks Repayment**

- **M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04c, Carver County, Repayment of \$347,620 to ENRTF related to conveyance of land in Lake Waconia Regional Park to DNR for Lake Waconia Public Water Access.**
- **M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 04c, Three Rivers Park District, Repayment of \$382,744 to the ENRTF for Lake Rebecca Park Reserve acquisitions identified in Office of Legislative Auditor report of February 11, 2016.**

Susan Thornton gave an overview of the two letters from Metropolitan Council. The first letter was regarding the repayment of the \$347,620 from Carver County to the ENRTF related to conveyance of land in Lake Waconia Regional Park to DNR for Lake Waconia Public Water Access and the second letter was about repayment of \$382,744 from Three Rivers Park District to the ENRTF for Lake Rebecca Park Reserve acquisitions identified in Office of Legislative Auditor report of February 11, 2016.

7. [03:25:11] M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j, Preserving the Avon Hills Landscape - Phase II, Saint John's Arboretum, Saint John's University/ Minnesota Land Trust, \$772,000

- Review recently acquired conservation easement (\$357,150)
- Review request to amend acquisition list to add an additional conservation easement project, prior to the June 30, 2016 end date and to utilize the additional time to complete the acquisition allowed by session law if there is a binding agreement prior to June 30, 2016

Thomas Kroll (Saint John's University), Kris Larson (Minnesota Land Trust) and Nick Banick (Minnesota Land Trust) gave an overview of M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j "Preserving the Avon Hills Landscape – Phase II".

Members discussed the conservation easements.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve the amendment request to M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j "Preserving the Avon Hills Landscape – Phase II to amend the acquisition list – motion prevailed.

Member recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

8. [04:12:25] M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, ENRTF work plan approval

M.L. 2016 ENRTF work plan approval and action. Proposed work plans, as available, can be viewed at <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>

Susan began review of the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2016: Chp. 186, Sec. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval [Updated: 06/02/16]". (See Attachment # 4)

- A. [04:15:45] Appropriations with no changes from LCCMR recommendation – Staff recommend consent approval. Approval M.L.2016 ENRTF work plans – Consent agenda spreadsheet with consent recommendations and specific project requirements needing LCCMR action with approval. Spreadsheet Lines 1 to 64.

Criteria for Consent Agenda: No legislative changes, identified staff issues or proposed changes from the proposal.

Susan Thornton reviewed Lines 1 to 64 in the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval [UPDATED: 6/2/2016]".

MOTION: Commissioner Lappia moved to approve lines 1 to 64 in the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval [UPDATED: 6/2/2016]" with contingencies noted under staff notes including adding to the staff notes on Line 63, Subd. 10a "Contract Agreement Reimbursement" the use of classified staff – motion prevailed.

- Any member may designate any work program for hearing, thus removing it from Consent Agenda. Approval will then be scheduled for a later date.

- B. [04:17:38] Appropriations needing LCCMR review prior to approval due to various factors – for consideration on 6/7/16. (See spreadsheet notes) Spreadsheet Lines 65 to 77.

Susan Thornton reviewed lines 65-77 in the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval [UPDATED: 6/2/2016]".

MOTION: Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve lines 65 to 77 in the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval [UPDATED: 6/2/2016]" with contingencies noted under staff notes including adding to the staff notes on Line

77, Subd. 09d "Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Acquisition for Wellhead Protection" receiving an updated acquisition list for approval – motion prevailed.

- C. **[04:19:32] Appropriations needing LCCMR review due to Legislative changes from LCCMR recommendation – Consent criteria not met. Staff recommended LCCMR work plan review (not on consent agenda). Spreadsheet Lines 78 to 84.**

Susan Thornton reviewed lines 78 to 84 in the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval [UPDATED: 6/2/2016]".

- M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 03o, "Development of Innovative Cost-Saving Methodology for Forest Inventory", Dennis Kepler, MN DNR, \$800,000 - Line 79
- M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 07c, "Hydrogen Fuel from Wind-Produced Renewable Ammonia", William Northrop, U of MN, \$250,000 - Line 80
- M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 09a, "Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition and Restoration", Peggy Booth, MN DNR, \$1,386,000 - Line 83

Peggy Booth gave an overview of M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 09a "Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition and Restoration". Ms. Booth explained they have expended all of the monies for M.L. 2014 and M.L. 2015. Ms. Booth said in the short term the reduction in dollars will impact the amount of parcels they will be able purchase. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Lamppa moved Lines 78-84 in the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval [UPDATED: 6/2/2016]" – motion prevailed.

- D. **Appropriations needing LCCMR review prior to approval due to being added by Legislature – to be called in for presentations at later date to be determined. Spreadsheet Lines 85 to 88.**
- E. **Appropriations with work plan exemption by Legislature to be requested to present overview to LCCMR at later date to be determined. Spreadsheet Lines 89 to 93.**

9. **[04:31:17] Discuss 2017 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals received and overview of the selection process for presentation**

Staff handed out the green sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" (See Attachment # 5) and the white sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings" (See Attachment # 6).

Members recessed for 5 minutes and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to select on the green sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" all the proposals with a members score of 6 and above to be called in for a presentation. Members discussed and Commissioner Gibson withdrew her motion.

Commissioner McNamara said he would like to discuss the amount of time that will be given for each presentation. Commissioner McNamara suggested 15 minutes per presentation.

Commissioner Gibson asked why there are so many University of Minnesota proposals this year. Susan Thornton said because of the overwhelming number of U of MN proposals we have emailed to members last week a packet of additional information related to the proposals with feedback from the AIS Center, MITTPC, SAFL and others.

Co-Chair Tomassoni said if the proposals had 20 minutes to present we could hear 120 proposals in six days.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Persell moved to select on the green sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" all the proposals with a members score of 3 and above to be called in for a presentation and 20 minutes for each presentation.

Members discussed amending the motion to a members score 4 or 5 and above instead of a members score of 3 and above.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Commissioner Wagenius moved to amend to select on the green sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" all the proposals with a members score of 5 and above to be called in for a presentation and 30 minutes for each presentation and then each member gets to select one proposal to be heard.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Commissioner Westrom moved to amend to select on the green sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" all the proposals with a members score of 6 and above to be called in for a presentation and each member gets to select one or two proposals to be heard.

Commissioner Persell withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Wagenius withdrew her amendment.

Commissioner Westrom withdrew his amendment.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Westrom moved to select on the green sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" all the proposals with a members score of 6 and above to be called in for a presentation and each member gets to select one or two proposals to be heard.

Members discussed including for presentations this year the LCCMR recommendations that were removed from the House bill during the Legislative Session and the vetoes from the Governor.

**RENEWED MOTION:** Commissioner Westrom renewed his motion to select on the green sheet titled "2017 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" all the proposals with a members score of 6 and above (68 proposals) to be called in for a presentation, each member will select one or two proposals (see list below of the 19 proposals selected), staff is to contact all projects removed from this year's bill and the vetoes (17 total) to see if they want to have their proposal reconsidered and each proposal will be given 25 minutes for a presentation – motion prevailed.

Member's additional proposals selected to present per Commissioner Westrom's motion:

1. Co-Chair Tomassoni added Line 182, ENRTF ID: 176-G "Mesabi Trail, Wetland Crossing and Bridge Rehab", St Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority, Bob Manzoline, \$1,231,500
2. Commissioner Dziedzic added Line 169, ENRTF ID: 167-F "Mississippi River Habitat Restoration at Halls Island", Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Adam Arvidson, \$1,451,500
3. Commissioner Lamppa added Line 139, ENRTF ID: 151-E "Renewable Energy Production from Municipal Organic Waste", Minnesota Energy Center (MNEC), Melanie Waite-Altringer, \$1,687,500

4. Commissioner Moody added Line 149, ENRTF ID: 147-E "Generation, Storage, and Utilization of Solar Energy", U of MN, Bradley Heins, \$795,500
5. Commissioner Faber added Line 123, ENRTF ID: 123-D "Maximize Value of Water Impoundments to Wildlife", Audubon Minnesota, Kristin Hall, \$195,000
6. Commissioner Harper-Lore added Line 90, ENRTF ID: 085-C "Students Use Local Phenology to Understand Climate Variability", U of MN, Stephan Carlson, \$240,000 and Line 138, ENRTF ID: 137-E "Forest Regeneration: Maximizing the Value of Our Investment", U of MN – Duluth, Julie Etterson, \$732,046
7. Commissioner Westrom added Line 17, ENRTF ID: 031-A "Minnesota's Freshwater Sponges: Mapping Taxonomy and Environmental Toxicology", U of MN, Venugopal Mukku, \$258,000
8. Commissioner Wagenius added Line 16, ENRTF ID: 010-A "Contaminants in Urban Soils: Understanding the Urban Environment", U.S. Geological Survey, Sarah Elliott, \$1,000,000
9. Commissioner McNamara added Line 53, ENRTF ID: 054-B "Preventing Fish Kills by Increasing Understanding", MN DNR, Heidi Rantala, \$699,905
10. Commissioner Broberg added Line 18, ENRTF ID: 013-A "Landslide Hazards and Impacts on Minnesota's Natural Environment", U of MN – Duluth, Karen Gran, \$672,408 and Line 93, ENRTF ID: 105-C "Northeast Minneapolis Sustainability Incubator", Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association, Adelheid Koski, \$235,000
11. Commissioner Hoffman added Line 122, ENRTF ID: 115-D "Impact of Zebra Mussels on Mercury in Fish", U of MN – Duluth, Tedy Ozersky, \$211,437
12. Commissioner Persell added Line 103, ENRTF ID: 100-C "Developing Watershed Stewardship in Northwest Minnesota Youth", Headwaters Science Center, Susan Joy, \$71,861 and Line 55, ENRTF ID: 074-B "Measuring Reductions in Nitrate Pollution from Precision Agriculture", University of St. Thomas, Gaston Small, \$159,833
13. Commissioner Young added Line 140, ENRTF ID: 149-E "Climate-Smart Cities: Helping Cities Make Smarter Land-Use Decisions", The Trust for Public Land, DJ Forbes, \$288,800 and Line 184, ENRTF ID: 180-G "Tower Trailhead Boat Landing and Habitat Improvement", City of Tower, Linda Keith, \$983,448
14. Commissioner Wagenius added Line 52, ENRTF ID: 051-B "New Self-Sustaining Nitrate and Pesticides Removal Biotechnology", U of MN, Sebastian Behrens, \$318,162
15. Commissioner Torkelson added Line 114, ENRTF ID: 108-D "EAB Biocontrol Phase III: Assessment and Citizen Engagement", Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Jonathan Osthus, \$729,540

Member's added 19 additional proposals for a total of \$11,961,440 per Commissioner Westrom's motion.

- **Additional Proposal Materials received**
- **Select proposals received in response to the 2017 Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for further consideration and presentations to the LCCMR on June 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29 (as needed)**
- **Discuss procedures for additional proposals received by June 26, 2016 per M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 19 "Waiver of Deadlines"**

10. [05:35:50] **Emerging Issues Account Proposal from University of Minnesota titled "Avian Influenza Distribution, Evolution, and Impacts on Ring-Billed and Herring Gulls in Minnesota", Marie Culhane, \$213,443**



Dr. Marie Culhane gave a presentation regarding their proposal titled "Avian Influenza Distribution, Evolution, and Impacts on Ring-Billed and Herring Gulls in Minnesota".

MOTION: Commissioner Torkelson moved to approve funding from the Emerging Issues Account for the proposal titled "Avian Influenza Distribution, Evolution, and Impacts on Ring-Billed and Herring Gulls in Minnesota", U of MN, Marie Culhane, \$213,443.

Members discussed the different issues related to avian influenza distribution, evolution and impacts. Ms. Culhane said they will be working with a Francine Cuthbert (U of MN - Gull expert), USFWS will help identify migration patterns, DNR will do the permit work, and U of MN will do the virus work.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Torkelson renewed his motion to move to approve funding from the Emerging Issues Account for the proposal titled "Avian Influenza Distribution, Evolution, and Impacts on Ring-Billed and Herring Gulls in Minnesota", U of MN, Marie Culhane, \$213,443 – motion prevailed. (11 yes / 5 no)

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

- **Next steps in the process**
- **Next meeting:**
  - **Wednesday, June 8, 2016 (if needed) – Continue June 7, 2016 agenda**
  - **2017 Proposal Presentations Schedule: June 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29**
- **Additional business at later date:**
  - **Minnesota Management and Budget PILT Report dated January 15, 2016**  
Susan Thornton let members know they have a copy of the PILT Report in their packet.
  - **Review request of M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07e, "Martin County Park and Natural Area Acquisition", Rich Perrine, Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$435,000 to acquire land at greater than 100% of appraised value**  
Susan Thornton explained M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07e "Martin County Park and Natural Area Acquisition" and asked members if they want to approve acquiring this land at greater than 100% of appraised value. Members agreed Rich Perrine should present at a later meeting regarding his work plan M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07e "Martin County Park and Natural Area Acquisition".

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

