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Tuesday, June 28, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 5

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. John Hoffman, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

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

Members Absent: Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Gary Lamma, Sen. David Tomassoni

Co-Chair: Rep. John Persell

1. 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.

Co-Chair Gibson started the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

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.

2. LCCMR Business Meeting/Process and Issue Discussion

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

Members discussed process. Commissioner Broberg started discussion on what the process should be for the proposals received by the extended deadline of June 26, 2016. Commissioner Broberg suggested a scoring process for those proposals.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to have members score proposals received by June 26, 2016 extended deadline for proposals over \$750,000 and score the same as they scored all the 2017 proposals and then members will email staff their scores of the proposals so they can be compiled for members discussion for possible selection to be heard for a presentation.

Members asked staff to handout the proposals received by June 26, 2016 extended deadline for proposals over \$750,000.

Susan Thornton handed out the five proposals received by June 26, 2017 extended deadline for proposals over \$750,000 and the members scoring spreadsheet titled "2017 Environment and

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Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals LCCMR Members Post Presentation Proposals Scoring Submission Form”.

Members discussed and agreed to wait until the end of the day to discuss the process in more detail. Commissioner Broberg tabled his motion.

3. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2017 Proposal Presentations (FY18) – see attached schedule

See Attachment #1 for Presentation Schedule for June 28, 2016.

Members recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

4. Continue Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2017 Proposal Presentations (FY18) – see attached schedule

See Attachment #1 for Presentation Schedule for June 22, 2016.

5. Other business (as needed)

- Next steps in the process

Members returned to discussions on what the process should be for the five proposals received by the extended deadline of June 26, 2016.

Susan Thornton said that staff could see if any of them could present tomorrow afternoon (June 29, 2016) or the proposers could be scheduled for the morning of July 12, 2016 but then members would not be able to score the proposals.

Commissioner Westrom asked if ENRTF ID: 193-K, “Organic Weed Control Using Solar-Powered Robots”, U of MN – Morris, Michael Reese, could be brought in for a presentation.

Commissioner Young asked if the dollars are going to be split or considered all together. Susan Thornton said the dollars will be considered all together with the caveat that approximately \$8.4 million not spent from M.L. 2016 (FY17) needs to be appropriated to start before June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Torkelson asked if ENRTF ID: 196-K, “CREP Implementation Phase 1”, BWSR, Tabor Hoek, could be brought in for a presentation.

Commissioner Hoffman asked if ENRTF ID: 192-K, “Voyageurs National Park Crane Lake Visitor Center Partnership”, Town of Crane Lake, Jim Janssen, could be brought in for a presentation.

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved to have presentations on June 29, 2016 for the following three proposals: 1) ENRTF ID: 193-K, “Organic Weed Control Using Solar-Powered Robots”, U of MN – Morris, Michael Reese; 2) ENRTF ID: 196-K, “CREP Implementation Phase 1”, BWSR, Tabor Hoek; and 3) ENRTF ID: 192-K, “Voyageurs National Park Crane Lake Visitor Center Partnership”, Town of Crane Lake, Jim Janssen and staff is to contact the 3 proposers for availability, if unavailable they will be asked to apply to the 2018 ENRTF Request for Proposal – motion prevailed.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

