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MINUTES

Subcommittee on Water Treatment Systems

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or (30 minutes after adjournment of the LCCMR Meeting)

State Office Building, Room 5

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Jim Newberger, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Staff Present: M. McDonough, M. Varien, D. Griffith

Co-Chair: Jeff Broberg

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.

Members reported no conflicts of interest for today's meeting.

2. Discuss potential LCCMR recommendation related to M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 19

• Subd. 19. Fiscal Year 2019 Recommendations

- (a) "For fiscal year 2019, the commission shall consider recommending loans from the corpus of the trust fund to statutory and home rule charter cities and towns with a population less than 5,000 as provided in the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 14. The commission shall work with the Public Facilities Authority in developing its recommendations. The commission shall include in its recommendations an analysis of using trust fund allocations for grants to the same cities and towns, including any necessary statutory changes."
- Discussion LCCMR past appropriations for research on wastewater, drinking water and other water contamination
 - Spreadsheet titled "Wastewater - Water Resources Appropriations Funded through LCCMR Process - 2010-2017"
 - Spreadsheet titled "Stormwater - Water Resources Appropriations Funded through LCCMR Process - 2010-2017"
 - Spreadsheet titled "Drinking Water - Water Resources Appropriations Funded through LCCMR Process - 2010-2017"

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Members started discussions on water treatment systems.

Staff handed out the following additional material:

1. LCCMR Water System Background (See Attachment #1)
2. Water Infrastructure Listening Sessions (See Attachment #2)
3. Community Listening Sessions (See Attachment #3)
4. Water Wastewater Infrastructure Presentation for Breakout Session (See Attachment #4)
5. M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 04k titled "Wastewater Treatment Process Improvements", U of MN, Timothy LaPara, \$398,000 (See Attachment #5)
6. M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 04m titled "Analyzing Alternative for Municipal Wastewater Treatment", MN Pollution Control Agency, Scott Kyser, \$180,000 (See Attachment #6)
7. M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f titled "Assessment of Water Quality for Reuse", U of MN, Satoshi Ishii, \$148,000 (See Attachment #7)
8. 2018 ENRTF ID 035-B Proposal titled "Wastewater Treatment Plant Optimization Pilot Program", MN Pollution Control Agency, Joel Peck, \$236,360 (See Attachment #8)

Members continued discussions.

Greg Knopff, Senate Counsel, provided an overview of the constitutional language and statutes.

Greta Gauthier, MPCA, answered questions related to listening sessions handout.

Elizabeth Wefel, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC), answered members questions about CGMC.

Jeff Freeman, Public Facilities Authority (PFA), answered member's questions about the PFA.

Barb Huberty, director of LWC, reminded members their Commission is learning about wastewater and LCCMR members are welcome to attend the meetings. Ms. Huberty said their fundamental learning will be completed by their meeting on October 17.

3. Review Legislative Water Commission 2017 schedule related to wastewater

4. Other business (as needed)

- Next steps

Members agreed to schedule the next subcommittee meetings on October 17 and October 18 half an hour after adjournment of the LCCMR Meeting.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

