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MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 5

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Sen. Gary Dahms, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Joe Hoppe, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Nicole Kessler, Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Michael Reese, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

Staff Present: B. Nash, M. Varien, M. Lennon, D. Griffith

Members Excused: Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Jim Newberger

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

Co-Chair Gibson started the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Director Nash welcomed Megan Lennon, new LCCMR Senior Project Analyst, to the commission.

1. Approve the minutes for September 13, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved the minutes for September 13, 2018 – motion prevailed.

2. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

Members reported no additional conflict of interest for today's meeting besides what has been provided in their meeting packets.

3. Director's Report

Director Nash provided an update on the Request for Proposal for the LCCMR online grants management database.

4. Final report status for projects completed in 2018

Members reviewed and discussed the final report list.

5. Action: Adopt Outline of Biennial Report due January 15, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Ingebrigtsen moved to approve the outline of the Biennial Report – motion prevailed.

6. Peer review status for projects recommended to the 2019 MN Legislature

Mr. Varien provided an overview of the research project peer review status. Members discussed.

7. Review draft LCCMR bill for funding recommendations from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) to the 2019 MN Legislature

Director Nash handed out a memo regarding the National Loon Center, ENRTF ID: 252-G (See Attachment #1). Members discussed.

Leah Heggerston, National Loon Center, and Congressman Rick Nolan answered members' questions.

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MOTION: Commissioner Ecklund moved to include Option #2 from the memo handed out for the National Loon Center into the draft M.L. 2019 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund funding bill (See Attachment #1).

Option 2:

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A 25-year land lease commitment from the Army Corps of Engineers and fiscal sponsorship must be secured before any Trust Fund dollars are spent. This project requires a match of at least \$6,000,000. At least \$2,000,000 of this match must come from non-state sources. If naming rights will be conveyed, the National Loon Center must include a plan for this in the work plan. All matching funds must be legally committed before any Trust Fund dollars may be spent on planning activities for or construction of the building and indoor exhibits.

Net income generated from admissions, naming rights, and memberships to the Loon Center as a result of Trust Fund contributions may be reinvested in the Center's long-term loon conservation efforts as described in the work plan approved by LCCMR per Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.'

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Reese moved to amend Commissioner Ecklund's motion to edit Option #2 by deleting "A 25-year land Lease commitment from the Army Corps of Engineers" and inserting "A land lease commitment of at least 25 years and " – Commissioner Ecklund accepted.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Westrom suggested inserting at the end of the first paragraph "Any unspent dollars from the outdoor design and construction could be spent for the indoor design and construction." – Commissioner Ecklund accepted

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Ecklund renewed his motion as amended to include Option #2 from the memo handed out for the National Loon Center into the draft M.L. 2019 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund funding bill (See Attachment #1)

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– motion prevailed.

Director Nash presented memo #2 regarding the LCCMR’s 2019 draft ENRTF funding bill and the two summaries of the recommendations provided in the member packets.

Members asked staff to have the Public Facilities Authority present at the next meeting.

Director Nash provided an overview of the ENRTF bill language. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Ingebrigtsen moved to delay a vote to the afternoon when there is a supermajority (12 members) – motion prevailed.

The following motion and vote was taken between Agenda Item 14A and 14B once a quorum was present.

MOTION: Commissioner Ingebrigtsen moved to approve the LCCMR’s 2019 draft ENRTF funding bill, including motions made today and any technical and grammatical changes necessary to put the language in bill form for presentation to the 2019 Minnesota Legislature – motion did not prevail (9 Yes / 5 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Dahms	x		Commissioner McNamara	x	
Commissioner Dziedzic (not present)			Commissioner Moody		x
Commissioner Ecklund	x		Commissioner Newberger (not present)		
Commissioner Faber		x	Commissioner Reese	x	
Commissioner Gibson		x	Commissioner Tomassoni	x	
Commissioner Heintzeman	x		Commissioner Wagenius		x
Commissioner Hoppe	x		Commissioner Westrom	x	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen	x		Commissioner Young (not present)		
Commissioner Kessler		x			

8. Legislative Water Commission (LWC) recommendations for the 2019 MN Legislature

- **Jim Stark, Director LWC**

Jim Stark, Director LWC, provided an overview the LWC recommendations for the 2019 Minnesota Legislature. Members discussed.

9. Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) recommendations for the 2019 MN Legislature and ideas for potential collaboration

- **Mark Johnson, Executive Director LSOHC**

Mark Johnson, Executive Director LSOHC, provided an overview of the LSOHC recommendations for the 2019 Minnesota Legislature. Members discussed.

10. Lunch

Members recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

11. Review LCCMR’s 2013- 2019 Strategic Plan

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Director Nash provided an overview of the 2013-2019 Strategic Plan. Members discussed.

12. Discuss for possible adoption LCCMR 2020 (FY21) ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP)

A. Small Projects

B. Evaluation Criteria

Director Nash explained the draft LCCMR 2020 (FY21) ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP). Members discussed a small grants program and small projects. Director Nash reviewed the memo in their meeting packets (See Attachment #2).

Members continued discussions on small grants program and agreed they should keep it going for another couple of years and revise the evaluation criteria.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to add to the ENRTF 2020 Request for Proposal (RFP) "Local" to the "Extent of Impact" evaluation criteria and to delete "the LCCMR may waive the need for a presentation".

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Tomassoni amended Commissioner Dahms motion and to keep "the LCCMR may waive the need for a presentation" – amendment did not prevail.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Dahms renewed his motion to add to the ENRTF 2020 Request for Proposal (RFP) "Local" to the "Extent of Impact" evaluation criteria and to delete "the LCCMR may waive the need for a presentation" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Ecklund moved adoption of the RFP and staff may fix any technical and grammatical changes necessary – motion prevailed.

13. Discuss Strategic Planning for 2019

Mr. Varien provided an overview of the memo in members' packets on past Strategic Planning efforts and options for 2019. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved Option 2 on the spreadsheet titled "Options for 2019 Strategic Planning" (See Attachment #3) – motion prevailed (6 Yes / 5 No).

14. Other LCCMR business (as needed)

A. Review draft LCCMR 2019 Calendar

Members reviewed the draft Calendar for 2019.

Members agreed to cancel the meeting on December 12, 2018.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve the 2019 Calendar and cancel December 12th – motion prevailed.

B. Update on lawsuit concerning use of ENRTF funds

Director Nash provided an overview of materials in members' packets regarding the lawsuit. Members discussed.

15. Public Testimony

Rick Heller (unofficially representing Twice Exceptional and Print Disabled Life Long Learners).

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

