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**MINUTES**

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**State Office Building, Room 10**

**St. Paul, MN 55155**

**Members Present:** Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Nicole Kessler, Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Michael Reese, Rep. Tama Theis, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

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

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:**

**Co-Chair: Rep. Josh Heintzeman**

Co-Chair Heintzeman started the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

**1. Approve the minutes for December 4, 2018**

MOTION: Commissioner Tomassoni moved the minutes for December 4, 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. Introductions for new LCCMR Members**

Members went around the table introducing themselves for the two new members. The new members are Rep. Rick Hansen and Rep. Tama Theis.

**4. Election of Executive Committee**

- **3 Co-Chairs (House/Senate/Non-legislative)**
- **3 Vice Co-Chairs (House/Senate/Non-legislative)**

Nominations for House Co-Chair

Commissioner Wagenius nominated Commissioner Hansen for House Co-Chair. Commissioner Hansen accepted the nomination.

Co-Chair Heintzeman nominated Commissioner Theis for House Co-Chair. Commissioner Theis did not accept the nomination.

Commissioner Theis nominated Co-Chair Heintzeman for House Co-Chair. Co-Chair Heintzeman accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved to approve Commissioner Hansen for House Co-Chair. Roll call was taken for the election of Commissioner Hansen for House Co-Chair – motion prevailed (final vote: 3 Yes / 2 No).

Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Nicole Kessler, Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Michael Reese, Rep. Tama Theis, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

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<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Ecklund	Y		Commissioner Theis		N
Commissioner Hansen	Y		Commissioner Wagenius	Y	
Commissioner Heintzeman		N			

Nominations for Senate Co-Chair

Commissioner Dahms nominated Commissioner Ingebrigtsen for Senate Co-Chair. Commissioner Ingebrigtsen accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve Commissioner Ingebrigtsen for Senate Co-Chair. Roll call was taken for the election of Commissioner Ingebrigtsen for Senate Co-Chair – motion prevailed (final vote: 4 Yes / 0 No).

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Dahms	Y		Commissioner Tomassoni	Y	
Commissioner Dziedzic	---		Commissioner Westrom	Y	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen	Y				

Nominations for Citizen Co-Chair

Commissioner Moody nominated Commissioner Gibson for Citizen Co-Chair. Commissioner Gibson accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Reese nominated Commissioner Young for Citizen Co-Chair. Commissioner Young did not accept the nomination.

Commissioner Reese nominated Commissioner McNamara for Citizen Co-Chair. Commissioner McNamara did not accept the nomination.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve Commissioner Gibson for Citizen Co-Chair. Roll call was taken for the election of Commissioner Gibson for Citizen Co-Chair – motion prevailed (final vote: 7 Yes / 0 No).

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Faber	Y		Commissioner Moody	Y	
Commissioner Gibson	Y		Commissioner Reese	Y	
Commissioner Kessler	Y		Commissioner Young	Y	
Commissioner McNamara	Y				

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Nominations for House Co-Vice Chair

Co-Chair Heintzeman nominated Commissioner Theis for House Co-Vice Chair. Commissioner Theis accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Commissioner Heintzeman moved to approve Commissioner Theis for House Co-Vice Chair. Roll call was taken for the election of Commissioner Theis for House Co-Vice Chair – motion prevailed (final vote: 5 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Ecklund	Y		Commissioner Theis	Y	
Commissioner Hansen	Y		Commissioner Wagenius	Y	
Commissioner Heintzeman	Y				

Nominations for Senate Co-Vice Chair

Commissioner Ingebrigtsen nominated Commissioner Tomassoni for Senate Co-Vice Chair. Commissioner Tomassoni accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Commissioner Ingebrigtsen moved to approve Commissioner Tomassoni for Senate Co-Vice Chair. Roll call was taken for the election of Commissioner Tomassoni for Senate Co-Vice Chair – motion prevailed (final vote: 4 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Dahms	Y		Commissioner Tomassoni	Y	
Commissioner Dziedzic	---		Commissioner Westrom	Y	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen	Y				

Nominations for Citizen Co-Vice Chair

Commissioner Reese nominated Commissioner Young for Citizen Co-Vice Chair. Commissioner Young accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to approve Commissioner Young for Citizen Co-Vice Chair. Roll call was taken for the election of Commissioner Gibson for Citizen Co-Chair – motion prevailed (final vote: 7 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Faber	Y		Commissioner Moody	Y	
Commissioner Gibson	Y		Commissioner Reese	Y	
Commissioner Kessler	Y		Commissioner Young	Y	
Commissioner McNamara	Y				

The LCCMR Executive Committee for 2019 – 2020:

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Hansen, Commissioner Ingebrigtsen, and Commissioner Gibson

Co-Vice Chairs: Commissioner Theis, Commissioner Tomassoni, and Commissioner Young

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**5. Director’s report**

Director Nash provided an overview of the LCCMR 2019 calendar.

**6. 2019 Strategic planning update and discussion**

Megan Lennon provided an overview of the 2019 strategic planning process. Members discussed.

**7. Online Grants Management System update**

Michael Varien provided an overview of the LCCMR online grants management system process. Members discussed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wagenius moved to approve staff to continue due diligence on Vendor B and work with the LCCMR Executive Committee on how much will be needed and bring back to the full commission for a vote and additional funding – motion prevailed. Roll call – 16 Yes / 1 No.

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	Y		Commissioner McNamara	Y	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	Y		Commissioner Moody	Y	
Commissioner Ecklund – Rep	Y		Commissioner Reese	Y	
Commissioner Faber	Y		Commissioner Tama Theis - Rep	Y	
Commissioner Gibson	Y		Commissioner Tomassoni - Sen	Y	
Commissioner Hansen - Rep	Y		Commissioner Wagenius - Rep	Y	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep		N	Commissioner Westrom - Sen	Y	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	Y		Commissioner Young	Y	
Commissioner Kessler	Y				

**8. M.L. 2019 LCCMR Recommendations Bill for Funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) – S.F. xxx / H.F. xxx**

Director Nash referred to the LCCMR Bill in members packet.

- **Peer Review results**

Megan Lennon provided an overview of the peer review process.

- **Additional extension requests due to federal shutdown**

Director Nash stated there are two projects that are requesting extensions due to the federal shutdown – (1) M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f, “Southeast Minnesota Subsurface Drainage Impacts on Groundwater Recharge”, U.S. Geological Survey, Erik Smith and (2) M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 04h, “Protection of State’s Confined Drinking Water Aquifers – Phase II”, U.S. Geological Survey, Jared Trost.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ingebrigtsen moved to approve adding the following two carryforwards to the ENRTF Appropriations bill – (1) M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f, “Southeast Minnesota Subsurface Drainage Impacts on Groundwater Recharge”, U.S. Geological Survey, Erik Smith and (2) M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 04h, “Protection of State’s Confined Drinking Water Aquifers – Phase II”, U.S. Geological Survey, Jared Trost – motion prevailed. Roll call – 17 Yes / 0 No.

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Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	Y		Commissioner McNamara	Y	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	Y		Commissioner Moody	Y	
Commissioner Ecklund – Rep	Y		Commissioner Reese	Y	
Commissioner Faber	Y		Commissioner Tama Theis - Rep	Y	
Commissioner Gibson	Y		Commissioner Tomassoni - Sen	Y	
Commissioner Hansen - Rep	Y		Commissioner Wagenius - Rep	Y	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Y		Commissioner Westrom - Sen	Y	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	Y		Commissioner Young	Y	
Commissioner Kessler	Y				

- **Change of project scope and budget: Subd. 08c “Sauk River Dam Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement,” City of Melrose**

Director Nash explained the change in scope and budget in Subd. 08c “Sauk River Dam Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement”, LCCMR staff received from the City of Melrose on February 26, 2019 as outlined in memo and meeting materials. Members discussed.

The following people were present to answer members’ questions: Greg Berg (Stearns County SWCD), Ian Chisholm (MN DNR, River Ecology Unit), Patti Hasse (City of Melrose, City Clerk), Tessa Beuning (City of Melrose, Finance Director), Lisa Atkinson (City of Melrose, Director of Planning and Zoning), Mike Nielson (WSB & Associates), and Greg Knopf (Senate Counsel).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Gibson moved to have members take no action with the understanding that the City of Melrose would be unable to spend appropriated funds because the presently proposed work is inconsistent with the appropriation language unless a different solution is found among parties before funds expire in 2022. The funding recommendation could be re-considered as part of the Commission’s 2020 RFP process if desired.

**AMENDMENT:** Commissioner Reese amended Commissioner Gibson’s motion to remove the last sentence *“Funding recommendation could be re-considered as part of the Commission’s 2020 RFP process if desired”*.

Members discussed.

Commissioner Reese withdrew his amendment.

**RENEWED MOTION:** Commissioner Gibson renewed her motion to have members take no action with the understanding that the City of Melrose would be unable to spend appropriated funds because the presently proposed work is inconsistent with the appropriation language unless a different solution is found among parties before funds expire in 2022. Funding recommendation could be re-considered as part of the Commission’s 2020 RFP process if desired – motion prevailed. Roll call – 13 Yes / 1 No.

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	y		Commissioner McNamara	y	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	---	---	Commissioner Moody	y	
Commissioner Ecklund – Rep	---	---	Commissioner Reese	y	
Commissioner Faber	---	---	Commissioner Tama Theis - Rep	y	
Commissioner Gibson	y		Commissioner Tomassoni - Sen	y	

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Commissioner Hansen - Rep	y		Commissioner Wagenius - Rep	y	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	y		Commissioner Westrom - Sen	y	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	y		Commissioner Young	y	
Commissioner Kessler		N			

**9. Other Business (as needed and as time permits)**

**10. Public Testimony**

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

**11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

  
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