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MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 5

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, 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, R. Anderson, D. Griffith

Members Excused: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

Co-Chair Gibson started the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

1. Approve the minutes for March 4, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved the minutes for March 4, 2019 – motion prevailed.

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

Commissioner Faber reported a conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 031-A titled "Morrison County Performance Drainage and Hydrology Management Phase II" and ENRTF ID: 216-F titled "Implementing Hemp Crop Rotation to Improve Water Quality"

Commissioner Wagenius reported a conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 025-A titled "Healthy Prairies III: Restoring MN prairie plant diversity" for a potential perceived conflict of interest.

Commissioner Reese reported a conflict of interest for the following:

1. ENRTF ID: 173-E titled "Storing Renewable Energy in Flow-Battery for Grid Use";
2. ENRTF ID: 178-E titled "Deep Winter Greenhouses: Passive Solar Winter Food Production";
3. ENRTF ID: 182-E titled "Nitrogen Fixation for Fertilizers and Hydrogen Fuels Production";
4. ENRTF ID: 192-E titled "Phase 2: Integrated Small-Scale Ammonia Synthesis";
5. ENRTF ID: 194-E titled "Minnesota Shrimp Production Using Clean Energy";
6. ENRTF ID: 201-EH titled "Identifying Agricultural Energy Consumption and Impacts in Minnesota"; and
7. ENRTF ID: 216-F titled "Implementing Hemp Crop Rotation to Improve Water Quality".

Commissioner Hansen reported a conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 147-CH titled "Carbon on Campus: Connecting Students to Minnesota Ecosystems"

3. Director's report

- **New staff member – Rory Anderson**

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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Director Nash introduced Rory Anderson.

- **Calendar review**

Director Nash reviewed the LCCMR Calendar for 2019 and explained the additional descriptions related to the Strategic Planning Process.

4. **Overview of the Biennial Report submitted January 15, 2019**

Director Nash provided an overview of the Biennial Report. Members discussed.

Commissioner Hansen suggested LCCMR have an open house with the legislature. Session starts Feb. 11 and having an open house the first week of session. Members concurred.

5. **2019 Legislative Session Report**

Commissioner Hansen provided an overview of the LCCMR bill during the 2019 Legislative Session. Director Nash explained other bills of interest.

6. **Action: Approve M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, ENRTF work plans.**

Proposed work plans are posted:

https://www.lccmr.leg.mn/projects/2019/2019_recommendations_by_subdivision.html

A. **Consent agenda (See Work Plan Spreadsheet Lines 1 to 64, including notes on specific project requirements needing LCCMR action with approval).**

Director Nash explained of the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2019, Chp. 4, First Special Session, Art. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund LCCMR Work Plan Approval" (See Attachment #1).

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Lines 2 - 64 on the Spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2019, Chp. 4, First Special Session, Art. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund LCCMR Work Plan Approval", including notes on specific project requirements needing LCCMR action – motion prevailed.

B. **Work plans needing LCCMR review prior to work plan approval due to legislative changes and other factors (See Work Plan Spreadsheet Lines 66 to 68, including notes)**

- **Status Update: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 08c "Sauk River Dam Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement", City of Melrose, Tessa Beuning, \$2,768,000**

Megan Lennon provided an introductory overview. The City of Melrose provided update on project. The DNR (Luther Aadland) answered questions. Janelle Taylor, House Research, answered members' question on match dollars and language. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to request revisions to M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 08c "Sauk River Dam Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement", City of Melrose to more accurately reflect current vision of project plan for a vote on June 17, 2019.

AMENDMENT: Co-Chair Gibson moved to amend Commissioner Reese's motion to delete "for a vote" to "for possible approval". Commissioner Reese accepted the amendment.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Westrom moved to amend Commissioner Reese's motion to replace June 17 to an LCCMR meeting between June 24-27. Commissioner Reese accepted the amendment.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Reese renewed his motion to request revisions to M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 08c "Sauk River Dam Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement", City of Melrose work plan for possible approval at a LCCMR meeting between June 24th – 27th – motion prevailed.

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- **Status Update: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09e “National Loon Center”, National Loon Center Foundation, Leah Heggerston, \$4,000,000**

Leah Heggerston provided an update on the status of Loon Center project including the contingencies on the funding. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Heintzeman moved to approve on the Spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2019, Chp. 4, First Special Session, Art. 2 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund LCCMR Work Plan Approval” Line 68 – National Loon Center, National Loon Center Foundation, Leah Heggerston, \$4,000,000 including notes on specific project requirements – motion prevailed.

- 7. Action: Request to grant utility easement affecting ~1 acre of land acquired with M.L. 2007, Chp. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(f) and M.L. 2011, Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 4 (c), both “Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition”, Metropolitan Council**

- Lisa Barajas, Metropolitan Council
- Deb Jensen, Metropolitan Council
- Marty Walsh, Carver County Parks
- Emmett Mullin, Metropolitan Council

Michael Varien explained the request from Metropolitan Council. Marty Walsh, Carver County Parks, provided an overview of the utility easement being requested. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve Met Council and Carver County’s written request to grant a utility easement on Parcels B & F acquired with Environment and Natural Resources Trust Funds for Lake Waconia Regional Park and accept payment of \$27,728 to be returned to the corpus of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund – motion prevailed.

- 8. Action: Request to purchase land in public domain with M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 02, Subd. 9(a) “Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition – Phase V”, Metropolitan Council**

- **Rep. Greg Boe**
- **Lisa Barajas, Metropolitan Council**
- **Deb Jensen, Metropolitan Council**
- **Marty Walsh, Carver County Parks**
- **Emmett Mullin, Metropolitan Council**

Michael Varien provided an overview of the request to purchase land in public domain. Michael Noonan, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, answered questions. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve Met Council’s amendment request to use funds from M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 02, Subd. 9(a) “Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition – Phase V”, to acquire approximately 90 acres of publicly owned land for the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail by Carver County from Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, contingent upon proceeds being used for costs to repair the slope damage to Carver County’s satisfaction – motion prevailed (13 Yes / 0 No). Per M.S. 116P.18 12 votes were required.

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	Y		Commissioner McNamara	Y	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	n/a	n/a	Commissioner Moody	Y	

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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	n/a	n/a
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	n/a	n/a	Commissioner Westrom - Sen	Y	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	Y		Commissioner Young	Y	
Commissioner Kessler	n/a	n/a			

9. Action: Discuss and select 2020 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals (FY21) for further consideration and presentation to LCCMR

- A. Process**
- B. Projects with question about fit with Constitution, Statute or RFP Guidelines**
- C. Selection**

Director Nash gave an overview of the proposal process included in memo to members. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved to have proposals ranked 7 and above to be invited to present and each member would be able to select one additional proposal receiving 2 or more members vote to invite.

AMENDMENT – Commissioner Dahms moved to amend Commissioner Wagenius’ motion to proposals ranked 8 or above and each member can select one project regardless of the vote. Commissioner Dahms withdrew amendment.

Members continued discussions of proposal rankings.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius renewed her motion to have proposals ranked 7 and above to be invited to present and each member would be able to select one additional project regardless of the vote it received from members.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Westrom moved to lay Commissioner Wagenius’ motion on the table – amendment prevailed (9 Yes / 5 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	Y		Commissioner McNamara	Y	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	n/a	n/a	Commissioner Moody		N
Commissioner Ecklund – Rep	Y		Commissioner Reese	Y	
Commissioner Faber		N	Commissioner Tama Theis - Rep	Y	
Commissioner Gibson		N	Commissioner Tomassoni - Sen	Y	
Commissioner Hansen - Rep		N	Commissioner Wagenius - Rep		N
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	n/a	n/a	Commissioner Westrom - Sen	Y	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen - Sen	n/a	n/a	Commissioner Young	Y	
Commissioner Kessler (passed on first round)	Y				

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MOTION: Commissioner Ecklund moved review the spreadsheet of rankings before deciding which proposers to invite – motion prevailed.

10. Lunch

Members recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

11. (Continued) Action: Discuss and select 2020 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals (FY21) for further consideration and presentation to LCCMR

Director Nash handed out the spreadsheet titled “Overall Hi Low Member Evaluation for Selecting Presentations” (see Attachment #2). Members reviewed for several minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Tomassoni moved to invite for presentation all proposals ranked 7 or above on the spreadsheet titled “Overall HI to Low Member Evaluation for Selecting Presentations” and members can nominate additional project to be confirmed by a majority of members – motion.

Members discussed

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Tomassoni renewed his motion to invite for presentation all proposals ranked 7 or above on the spreadsheet titled “Overall HI to Low Member Evaluation for Selecting Presentations” and each member gets to select one additional project to invite, including the 3 absent members – motion prevailed.

Members discussed time limits for the presentations.

MOTION: Commissioner McNamara moved to have Category H proposals get 15 minutes per presentation.

Members discussed how much time will be for a presentation and how much for questions. Members agreed to 7 ½ minutes for presentation and 7 ½ minutes for questions

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner McNamara renewed his motion to have Category H proposals get 15 minutes per presentation with 7 ½ minutes for presentation and 7 ½ minutes for questions – motion prevailed.

Members selected the following proposals to be selected for a presentation:

1. Commissioner Ecklund selected Line 155, ENRTF ID: 283-G, Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock on Rainy Lake, City of Ranier, Sherril Gautreaux, \$762,650
2. Commissioner Faber selected Line 111, ENRTF ID: 037-A, Foundational Research on Fungi and Protecting Minnesota Trees, U of MN, Robert Blanchette, \$362,196
3. Commissioner Gibson selected Line 236, ENRTF ID: 259-FH, Restoring Turf to Native Pollinator Gardens Across Metro, Wilderness in the City, Holly Jenkins
4. Commissioner Hansen selected Line 247, ENRTF ID: 087-B, Microplastics: Transporters of Contaminants in Minnesota Waters, U of MN, Lee Penn, \$448,630
5. Commissioner McNamara selected Line 186, ENRTF ID: 108-B, Vermillion River Surface Water and Groundwater Nitrate Impacts, Dakota County, Valerie Grover, \$268,000
6. Commissioner Moody selected Line 144, ENRTF ID: 168-DH, Invasive Rock Snot Threatens North Shore Streams, Science Museum of Minnesota, Mark Edlund, \$197,896
7. Commissioner Theis selected Line 153, ENRTF ID: 279-G, Rocori Trail Phase 3, ROCORI Trail Construction Board, Pete Weber, \$1,260,000
8. Commissioner Tomassoni selected Line 140, ENRTF ID: 114-B, Innovative Solution for Protecting Minnesota from PFAS contamination, Dem-Con, Bill Keegan, \$750,000 (Note: called Director Nash on June 7, 2019 to select this project instead of his previous selection was Line 154, ENRTF ID: 280-G).
9. Commissioner Westrom selected Line 198, ENRTF ID: 194-E, Minnesota Shrimp Production Using Clean Energy, U of MN, Robert Gardner

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10. Commissioner Young selected Line 185, ENRTF ID: 104-B, Quantifying A New Urban Precipitation/Water Reality, U of MN, Joe Magner, \$1,377,893
11. Commissioner Dahms selected Line 197, ENRTF ID: 192-E, Phase 2: Integrated Small-Scale Ammonia Synthesis, U of MN, Alon McCormick, \$2,108,520
12. Commissioner Kessler selected Line 135, ENRTF ID: 021-A, Complete Sonar Data Mapping on Three Minnesota Rivers, National Park Service, Nancy Duncan, \$525,945
13. Commissioner Reese selected Line 173, ENRTF ID: 205-EH, Rural Distributed Renewable Energy and Back-Up Power, Northwest Renewable Energy LLC, Jill Thibert, \$198,500
14. Commissioner Wagenius selected Line 116, ENRTF ID: 064-AH, Environmental Factors Influencing Nutritional Content of Wild Rice, U of MN, Emily Onello, \$198,092

Absent Members provided below selections to Director Nash on June 7, 2019:

15. Commissioner Heintzeman selected Line 238, ENRTF ID: 278-G, Purchasing 316 acres for Conservation and Agriculture Education, The Food Group, Amber Stenson, \$1,500,000
16. Commissioner Ingebrigtsen selected Line 199, ENRTF ID: 201-EH, Identifying Agricultural Energy Consumption and Impacts in Minnesota, U of MN, Joel Tallaksen, \$146,791
17. Commissioner Dziedzic selected Line 208, ENRTF ID: 274-G, Acquire Riverfront Land at Upper St. Anthony Falls, Friends of the Lock and Dam, Kjersti Monson, \$3,000,000

MOTION: Commissioner McNamara moved to have a long first two days of presentations and cancel June 24 – withdrawn.

MOTION: Commissioner McNamara moved to have presentations start at 8:30 a.m. and go to at least 6:30 p.m. – motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gibson polled members for their availability on all scheduled presentation dates. Based on results, members agreed to cancel June 18th.

13. Online System Update

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

15. Public Testimony

The public is asked to keep their comments brief. If you would like to testify, please contact Diana Griffith at 651-296-2406 or diana.griffith@lccmr.leg.mn by 4:00 pm the day before the meeting and specify to which agenda item your testimony relates. The chair will accommodate testimony at the requested agenda item as time allows.

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

14. Other Business

- **Upcoming meeting on June 6, 2019**

Members agreed the meeting on June 6, 2019 will be canceled.

12. Strategic Planning Update

- **Lisa Anderson, Management and Analysis Division of MMB**

Lisa Anderson provided an overview of the timeline on the LCCMR Strategic Planning Process. Members discussed.

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Gary DeLund