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Thursday, July 30, 2020

Time: 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Location: through electronic means (Zoom)

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, C. Layfield, R. Anderson, D. Griffith

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Co-Chair Ingebrigtsen started the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were fifteen members present at the time of roll-call and nine were needed for a quorum.

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

1. Update on Mesabi Trail appropriations:

- **M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07c, Mesabi Trail Development – Soudan to Ely Segment, \$1,000,000**
- **M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09i, Mesabi Trail Development Soudan to Ely - Phase II, \$1,000,000**
- **M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 09e, Mesabi Trail Segment from Highway 135 to Town of Embarrass, \$1,200,000**

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- M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 09g, Mesabi Trail Development, \$2,269,000
- M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b, Develop Mesabi Trail Segment From County Road 88 to Ely, \$600,000
- M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09g, Mesabi Trail Extensions, \$3,000,000
- M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09q, Historic Bruce Mine Park and Mesabi Trailhead, \$1,000,000
 - Bob Manzoline - St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority

Director Nash provided an overview of Mesabi Trail work plans.

Gary Cerkvenik, lobbyist for St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority, reviewed the history of the Mesabi Trail appropriations. Bob Manzoline and Rod Flannigan, from St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority, explained the appropriations and were available to answer member questions.

Ben Stanley, Senate Counsel, reviewed the memo on 'Options for Recipient Reporting Issues' (See Attachment #1).

Members discussed.

Katherine Sherman-Hoehn, MN DNR Grants Unit, discussed their procedure for reimbursements.

Commissioner Westrom announced his presence at the meeting.

Members requested adding this agenda item to the LCCMR Meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020 and that staff prepare a motion for consideration.

Members requested accounting of the average cost per mile on Mesabi Trail appropriations for M.L. 2014 to M.L. 2019 appropriations including from other funds.

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

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

3. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2021 Proposal Presentations (FY22) – see [attached schedule](#) (subject to change)

See Attachment #2 for Presentation Schedule for July 30, 2020.

Members recessed at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

Presentations continued after the recess.

Commissioner Theis announced her presence at the meeting.

4. LCCMR Other business

5. Public Testimony

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Signed by Sen. Gary Dahms