



**LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

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Becca Nash, Director

**MINUTES**

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

**Time: 9:00 to 1:00 PM**

**Location: Room G3, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155**

**Members Present:** Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Rep. Dale Lueck, Seth Moore, Rep. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Rep. Tama Theis, Sen. David Tomassoni, Sen. Torrey Westrom

**Staff Present:** B. Nash, M. Varien, C. Layfield, M. Campana, D. Griffith

**Members Excused:** Sen. Foug Hawj and Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

**Members Absent:**

**Co-Chair: Rep. Rick Hansen**

Co-Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1. Approve the minutes for March 22, 2022**

Diana Griffith took roll call for minutes and attendance. There were 14 members present at the time of roll-call and nine were needed for a quorum.

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Lueck - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	X		Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen		X	Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Theis – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	Excused				

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve the minutes for March 22, 2022 – motion prevailed.

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

Members reported the following conflicts of interest for M.L. 2022 (FY23):

Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Foug Hawj, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Dale Lueck, Seth Moore, Rep. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Shona Snater, Rep. Tama Theis, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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<b>Proposal ID</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Members With Conflict of Interest</b>
2022-031	Jacob	Haus	Efficacy of Urban Archery Hunting to Manage Deer	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities / Bemidji State University	Rita Albrecht
2022-125	Adam	Arvidson	Connecting the Mississippi Flyway to Urban Open Space	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-224	Nicholas	Phelps	Is the Tire Chemical 6PPDq Killing Minnesota's Fish?	U of MN / College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Seth Moore
2022-244	Adam	Arvidson	Bohemian Flats Savanna Restoration	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-246	Adam	Arvidson	Roberts Bird Sanctuary and Lyndale Gardens	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-251	Joel	Tallaksen	Mitigations Strategies for Agroplastic PFAS and Microplastic Contamination	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2022-273	MaryLynn	Pulscher	BioBlitzes Engaging Community in Scientific Efforts	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board	Jeremy Peichel
2022-291	Blaine	Hill	Morris GHG Emissions Inventory and Mitigation Strategies	City of Morris	Michael Reese

**3. Director's report**

Director Nash discussed remote, in person, and hybrid options for future meetings. Ms. Nash provided an overview of staff highlights.

**4. Introductions for new LCCMR member**

Co-Chair Hansen welcomed new members and asked members to introduce themselves.

Commissioner Dziedzic joined the meeting.

**5. Presentations and Action: Emerging Issues Account; Wastewater Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 5, Sec. 2, Subd. 10, \$1,095,000 (Becca Nash)**

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Director Nash provided an overview of the Emerging Issues Account for Renewable Energy Demonstration Projects at Wastewater Treatment Facilities and explained that the Request for Proposal closed June 10, 2022.

- **Brainerd Public Utilities (Patrick Wussow, BPU Commissioner)**

Patrick Wussow, BPU Commissioner, provided an overview of the proposal and answered member questions.

- **City of Albert Lea (Kris Swanson, Senior Principal Engineer, Bolton & Menk, Inc.)**

Kris Swanson (Bolton & Menk) and Steven Jahnke (City of Albert Lea Engineer) provided an overview of their proposal and answered member questions.

- **City of St. Cloud (Tracy Hodel, Public Services Director)**

Tracy Hodel (Public Services Director) provided an overview of the proposal and answered member questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the proposal from the City of St. Cloud (Tracy Hodel) at full funding and authorize staff to approve the work plan – motion prevailed. (15 Yes / 0 No / 2 Excused)

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Lueck - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Dahms - Sen	X		Commissioner Morrison – Rep	X	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Snater	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Theis – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen	Excused				

**6. Discussion and possible action: 2022 Session Recap; Next steps**

**a. 2022 Session Report**

Director Nash provided an overview of 2022 legislative session. Co-Chair Hansen and Commissioner Westrom provided an overview of the ENRTF appropriations bill process during 2022 legislative session.

**b. Requirement for capital projects report to legislature**

Co-Chair Hansen began discussions about a subcommittee for capital projects. Director Nash reminded members that a report is due to the legislature by October 15, 2022. Ms. Nash recommended two or three subcommittee meetings be held to complete evaluation of capital projects and suggested the meetings could be held right after standard LCCMR meetings.

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Members agreed the subcommittee would be comprised of two members from the House, two from the Senate, and three from citizen members.

### Membership:

Citizen members: Rita Albrecht, Jeremy Peichel, and Mike Reese

House members: Rep. Rick Hansen and Rep. Dale Lueck

Senate members: Sen. Kari Dziedzic and Sen. Torrey Westrom

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved the following subcommittee membership:

Citizen members: Rita Albrecht, Jeremy Peichel, and Mike Reese

House members: Rep. Rick Hansen and Rep. Dale Lueck

Senate members: Sen. Kari Dziedzic and Sen. Torrey Westrom

- motion prevailed (unanimous).

### c. Land acquisitions; considerations for the future

In addition to materials posted to meeting page, a handout was provided during the meeting that showed amount of land acquisition funded by ENRTF and OHF over the last two legislative sessions. Members discussed approaches to land acquisition proposals in 2023 RFP. No action was taken.

## 7. Action: Work plans for projects funded in M.L. 2022

### a. Peer review results

Director Nash provided an overview of the peer review process.

### b. Approve consent agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve Lines 3 through 47 on the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2022 (FY2023) June 27, 2022” - motion prevailed. (Unanimous – 11 members present)

### c. Plan for remaining work plans

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to delegate authority to staff to approve Lines 49 through 70 on the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2022 (FY2023) June 27, 2022” - motion prevailed. (Unanimous – 12 members present)

Members agreed Lines 72 through 83 on the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2022 (FY2023) June 27, 2022” would give presentations at an upcoming LCCMR meetings.

## 8. Action: Decision-making process for 2023 RFP recommendations

Director Nash began discussions on the 2023 RFP recommendations and stated that 174 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$164 million were received.

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved the following process for selecting proposals for presentations:

1. Select the top 80 proposals chosen by the most members during their first evaluation to be invited for presentations. More or fewer than 80 proposals may move forward for presentation if the 80 cut-off falls in the middle of a group of proposals selected by the same number of members; the cut-off would

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be moved up or down depending on what results in a number closer to 80 so that the final group is either fully captured or fully removed from the proposals selected for presentation.

2. A caucus of the House, Senate, and Citizen members could select up to three (3) additional proposals each for presentation, resulting in possibly nine (9) more proposals being added to presentations.
  - motion prevailed. (Unanimous – 13 members present)

MOTION: Commissioner Peichel moved to select Option 6: Vote with dollars from the memo “Decision-making process for selecting and recommending proposals for funding” dated March 23, 2022: “Same as “The Standard” except that instead of Evaluation #2, the members would vote with the dollars available for awarding that year. In other words, each member would propose his/ her own funding package to submit to staff. Staff would average all submissions to create the first draft package for the members to consider at the allocation meeting. The allocation meeting would be spent adjusting the first draft to fit the total amount available. This option may include a requirement for each member to allocate a minimum dollar amount and to allocate no more to a proposal than what was requested.”

Director Nash provided additional explanation for how this option would be implemented.

Commissioner Peichel accepted a friendly amendment by Reese to add the following lines to the allocation spreadsheet: Emerging Issues, Legislative Allocations, and Administration.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Peichel renewed his motion to select Option 6: Vote with dollars from the memo “Decision-making process for selecting and recommending proposals for funding” dated March 23, 2022: “Same as “The Standard” except that instead of Evaluation #2, the members would vote with the dollars available for awarding that year. In other words, each member would propose his/ her own funding package to submit to staff. Staff would average all submissions to create the first draft package for the members to consider at the allocation meeting. The allocation meeting would be spent adjusting the first draft to fit the total amount available. This option may include a requirement for each member to allocate a minimum dollar amount and to allocate no more to a proposal than what was requested.” Also, to add the following lines to the allocation spreadsheet: Emerging Issues, Legislative Allocations, and Administration.  
 - motion prevailed.

**9. Action: Election of new senate vice chair**

Director Nash explained the election of Senate Vice Chair. Commissioner Hawj is nominated in writing in advance of the meeting. Commissioner Dahms nominates Sen. Dzedzic.

Director Nash announced the proxies received by the deadline of 10pm the previous day.

Senate members voted for the Senate Vice Chair position. 5 votes were cast for Commissioner Dzedzic. Commissioner Dzedzic will serve as Senate Vice Chair for the remaining term of former member Commissioner Tomassoni.

Member	Dzedzic	Hawj	Member	Dzedzic	Hawj
Commissioner Dahms – Sen	X		Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen (proxy given to Sen. Dzedzic)	X		Commissioner Ingebrigtsen – Sen (proxy given to Sen. Dahms)	X	
Commissioner Westrom - Sen	X				

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**10. LCCMR Other business**

No other business.

**11. Public Testimony**

No public testimony.

**12. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*Signed by Rep. Tama Theis*

*Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on July 25, 2022*