



**LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

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Becca Nash, Director

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

**Time: 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM**

**Location: HYBRID: Room G-3, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 and through electronic means (YouTube)**

**Members Present:** Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Jeff Backer, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Foug Hawj, Rep. Athena Hollins, Shona Langseth, Seth Moore, Sen. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kari Dziedzic and Rep. Josh Heintzeman

**Members Absent:**

**Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson**

Co-Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

**1. Roll call attendance**

Co-Chair Gibson asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 13 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 Heintzeman – Rep | excused |   |
| Commissioner Albrecht       | X       |   | Commissioner Hollins – Rep    | X       |   |
| Commissioner Backer – Rep   | X       |   | Commissioner Langseth         | X       |   |
| Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen | excused |   | Commissioner Moore            | X       |   |
| Commissioner Faber          | X       |   | Commissioner Morrison – Sen   | absent  |   |
| Commissioner Gibson         | X       |   | Commissioner Peichel          | X       |   |
| Commissioner Green - Sen    | X       |   | Commissioner Reese            | X       |   |
| Commissioner Hansen – Rep   | X       |   | Commissioner Westrom – Sen    | absent  |   |
| Commissioner Hawj – Sen     | X       |   |                               |         |   |

**2. Approve the minutes for January 24, 2023**

MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht moved to approve the minutes for January 24, 2023 – motion prevailed.

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

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

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**4. Introductions for new LCCMR Members**

Co-Chair Gibson welcomed new members, and members and staff introduced themselves.

Commissioner Morrison joined the meeting.

**5. Director’s report**

Director Nash provided an overview of two items in their meeting packets: the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Final Reports for 2022” and the 2023 LCCMR Calendar. Ms. Nash reminded members of the deadline of March 31, 2023, for the ENRTF Request for Proposal. Written testimony submitted to the LCCMR since last meeting and related to the LCCMR recommendation bill hearing in the Senate have been posted. Ms. Nash provided an update on the status of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) bills in the House and Senate and other related bills.

Commissioner Westrom joined the meeting.

**6. Action: Amendment to conservation easement to resolve violation, M.L. 2001, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 04e3b, Big Woods Heritage Forest, DNR Division of Forestry, Christine Ostern**

Christine Ostern, MN DNR, gave an overview of the amendment to resolve the violation to a current conservation easement. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the amendment for M.L. 2001, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 04e3b, Big Woods Heritage Forest – motion prevailed. (15 Yes / 0 No)

| <b>Member</b>               | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>Member</b>                 | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Commissioner Acomb - Rep    | X        |          | Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep | excused  |          |
| Commissioner Albrecht       | X        |          | Commissioner Hollins – Rep    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Backer – Rep   | X        |          | Commissioner Langseth         | X        |          |
| Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen | excused  |          | Commissioner Moore            | X        |          |
| Commissioner Faber          | X        |          | Commissioner Morrison – Sen   | X        |          |
| Commissioner Gibson         | X        |          | Commissioner Peichel          | X        |          |
| Commissioner Green - Sen    | X        |          | Commissioner Reese            | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hansen – Rep   | X        |          | Commissioner Westrom – Sen    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hawj – Sen     | X        |          |                               |          |          |

Co-Chair Gibson moved to agenda item 08.

**7. Agenda Item 08 - Action: Election of Executive Committee Members**

Director Nash described the LCCMR leadership structure and the leadership election procedures.

**- 3 Co-Chairs (House/Senate/Citizen):**

It was announced Commissioner Dziedzic selected Commissioner Hawj as her proxy.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawj moved a unanimous ballot for the nomination of Commissioner Hawj for the Senate Co-Chair– motion prevailed from the Senate members unanimously. (5 Yes / 0 No)

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| <b>Member</b>   | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
|---|----------|----------|
| Commissioner Hawj – Sen (for Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen) | X        |          |
| Commissioner Green - Sen                                  | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hawj - Sen                                   | X        |          |
| Commissioner Morrison – Sen                               | X        |          |
| Commissioner Westrom – Sen                                | X        |          |

Co-Chair Hansen assumed the gavel.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved a unanimous ballot for the nomination of Commissioner Gibson for the Citizen Co-Chair– motion prevailed from the citizen members unanimously. (7 Yes / 0 No)

| <b>Member</b>         | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Commissioner Albrecht | X        |          |
| Commissioner Faber    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Gibson   | X        |          |
| Commissioner Langseth | X        |          |
| Commissioner Moore    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Peichel  | X        |          |
| Commissioner Reese    | X        |          |

Co-Chair Gibson re-assumed the gavel.

It was announced Commissioner Heintzeman selected Commissioner Green as his proxy.

MOTION: Commissioner Acomb moved a unanimous ballot for the nomination of Commissioner Hansen for the House Co-Chair– motion prevailed from the House members unanimously. (5 Yes / 0 No)

| <b>Member</b>  | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
|--|----------|----------|
| Commissioner Acomb - Rep                                     | X        |          |
| Commissioner Backer – Rep                                    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hansen – Rep                                    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Green – Sen (for Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep) | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hollins – Rep                                   | X        |          |

**- 3 Co-Vice Chairs (House/Senate/Citizen)**

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved a unanimous ballot for the nomination of Commissioner Green for the Senate Co-Vice Chair– motion prevailed from the Senate members unanimously. (5 Yes / 0 No).

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| <b>Member</b>   | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
|---|----------|----------|
| Commissioner Hawj – Sen (for Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen) | X        |          |
| Commissioner Green - Sen                                  | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hawj - Sen                                   | X        |          |
| Commissioner Morrison – Sen                               | X        |          |
| Commissioner Westrom – Sen                                | X        |          |

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved a ballot for the nomination of Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Gibson moved a ballot for the nomination of Commissioner Faber for the Citizen Co-Vice Chair– motion prevailed from the citizen members for Commissioner Faber. (5 votes for Commissioner Faber and 2 votes for Commissioner Moore)

| <b>Member</b>         | <b>Moore</b> | <b>Faber</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Commissioner Albrecht |              | x            |
| Commissioner Faber    |              | x            |
| Commissioner Gibson   |              | x            |
| Commissioner Langseth |              | x            |
| Commissioner Moore    | x            |              |
| Commissioner Peichel  |              | x            |
| Commissioner Reese    | x            |              |

MOTION: Commissioner Hollins moved a unanimous ballot for the nomination of Commissioner Backer for the House Co-Vice Chair– motion prevailed from the House members unanimously. (5 Yes / 0 No)

| <b>Member</b>  | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
|--|----------|----------|
| Commissioner Acomb - Rep                                     | X        |          |
| Commissioner Backer – Rep                                    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hansen – Rep                                    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Green – Sen (for Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep) | X        |          |
| Commissioner Hollins – Rep                                   | X        |          |

**8. Agenda Item 07 - Action: Request to pay over market value for acquisition. M.L. 2021 Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 02, Subd. 09u, State Parks and State Trails Inholdings, DNR Division of Parks and Trails, Shelby Kok**

Shelby Kok, MN DNR, discussed the request to pay over market value for an acquisition. Members discussed.

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MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht moved to approve the request to pay over market value for an acquisition in M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09u, State Parks and State Trails Inholdings – motion prevailed. (8 Yes / 5 No)

| <b>Member</b>                | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>Member</b>                 | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Commissioner Acomb - Rep     | X        |          | Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep | excused  |          |
| Commissioner Albrecht        | X        |          | Commissioner Hollins – Rep    | X        |          |
| Commissioner Backer – Rep    |          | X        | Commissioner Langseth         | X        |          |
| Commissioner Dziejczak - Sen | excused  |          | Commissioner Moore            | X        |          |
| Commissioner Faber           | X        |          | Commissioner Morrison – Sen   | excused  |          |
| Commissioner Gibson          | X        |          | Commissioner Peichel          |          | X        |
| Commissioner Green - Sen     |          | X        | Commissioner Reese            |          | X        |
| Commissioner Hansen – Rep    | excused  |          | Commissioner Westrom – Sen    |          | X        |
| Commissioner Hawj – Sen      | X        |          |                               |          |          |

**9. LCCMR Other Business**

**a. April meeting date for business items and to determine method for selecting proposals for presentation.**

Director Nash announced 16 members responded to the poll conducted during the meeting, and the day most people could meet is April 24, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Ms. Nash stated staff will follow up by email.

**10. Public Testimony**

Written testimony was posted to the meeting page; There was no additional public testimony.

**11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

*Signed by Dr. William Faber  
Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on April 24, 2023*