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Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: REMOTE: through electronic means ([YouTube](#))

Members Present: Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Sydney Jordan, Shona Langseth, Rep. Leon Lillie, Sen. Jennifer McEwen, Seth Moore, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Staff Present: B. Nash, M. Varien, M. Campana, D. Griffith, T. Dietrich, N. Fibley, T. Schauffler

Members Excused: William Faber, Sen. Fong Hawj, and Rep. Roger Skraba

Members Absent: Rep. Josh Heintzeman

Co-Chair: Rep. Sydney Jordan

Co-Chair Rep. Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Jordan asked members for a moment of silence for remembrance of Rep. Melissa Horman and her husband and for continuing recovery for Sen. John Hoffman and his wife.

Chair Jordan and Commissioner Fischer are in their offices in the capitol complex for today's meeting.

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Jordan asked for a roll call. Director Nash took roll call for attendance. There were 12 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum. Representatives Fischer and Jordan attended from locations on the Capitol complex.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Commissioner Albrecht	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Langseth	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Beeman	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Lillie - Rep	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Faber	Excused	Commissioner McEwen - Sen	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Moore	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Green – Sen	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	Commissioner Reese	Excused
Commissioner Hedstrom	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Skraba – Rep	Excused
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Absent
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	Yes (remote)		

2. Approve minutes for June 11, 2025

Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, William Faber, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. Fong Hawj, Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Sydney Jordan, Shona Langseth, Rep. Leon Lillie, Sen. Jennifer A. McEwen, Seth Moore, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Rep. Roger Skraba, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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Director Nash stated this agenda item will be deferred to a later meeting.

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

Members reported the following conflicts of interest for 2026 proposals:

Member Conflict of Interest Report - M.L. 2026 (FY27)					
Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest
2026-149	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Ambient Alkaline Hydrolysis, an Emergency Livestock Mortality Disposal	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-168	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Integrating Biological-Carbon Capture and Microalgae for Sustainable Biofuel Production	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-255	Kim	Melton	Red River Basin Soil Health Initiative	Red River Basin Commission	Monica Hedstrom
2026-303	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Greenhouse Gas Mitigation in Minnesota Livestock Farming	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-318	Tiffany	Wolf	United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	Monica Hedstrom
2026-329	Eric	Buchanan	Making Solar Work for Minnesota Dairy Farmers	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-338	Soon Li	Teh	Evaluating Agrivoltaics on Minnesota's Novel Cold-Hardy Table Grapes	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Michael Reese
2026-396	Skip	Langer	Southeast Minnesota Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative	Olmsted County	Shona Langseth
2026-465	Kerry	Holmberg	Managing Climate using Inverse Modeling: Central Sands Aquifer	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Monica Hedstrom
2026-472	Josh	Pennington	Assessing Recruitment Threats for Imperiled Blanding's Turtles	Department of Military Affairs	William Faber
2026-481	Isaac	Haagen	Resilient Dairy Calf Systems to Support Minnesota's Communities	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Michael Reese

Members reported the following conflicts of interest for 2025 work plans.

Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest	Direct Personal Financial Interest in the Organization
2025-078	Bradley	Heins	Agrivoltaics 2.0 Building a Resilient E-Farm	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2025-122	Jenni	Bubke	Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant Programs	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel	No

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2025-182	Karlin	Ziegler	Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site Improvements	Olmsted County	Shona Langseth	No
2025-241	Joel	Tallaksen	Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to Reduce Environmental Impacts	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2025-309	Michelle	Carstensen	Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota Moose	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	Seth Moore	Yes

4. Director's report

Director Nash provided an update on the following:

1. Logistics for the week.
2. Adjustments to the schedule due to the lying in state Friday for Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband.
3. Members presentation scores due date.
4. Public testimony.

Commissioner Westrom joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Reese joined the meeting remotely.

5. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2026 Proposal Presentations (FY27) – see presentation schedule for Day 1 (subject to change)

See [Attachment #1](#) for Presentation Schedule for June 24, 2025.

6. [Agenda Item 7.] Action: Work plans for projects funded in M.L. 2025

- a. Approve consent agenda
- b. Non consent items
- c. Plan for remaining work plans

Director Nash provided an overview of the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2025 (FY2026)-June 24, 2025.” Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht moved from the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2025 (FY2026)-June 24, 2025” to approve lines 3 to 113 under Category A. Consent Agenda work plans accepted by staff with reasonable changes from original proposals-- subject to the notes and contingencies provided on the spreadsheet – motion prevailed (12 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Beeman	X		Commissioner Lillie - Rep	X	
Commissioner Faber	Excused		Commissioner McEwen - Sen	X	
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused		Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	

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Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hedstrom	X		Commissioner Skraba – Rep	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Absent		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	X				

Members recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

7. [Agenda Item 6.] Continuation of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2026 Proposal Presentations (FY27) – see presentation schedule for Day 1 (subject to change)

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8. Action: Request to convey interest in real property acquired with ENRTF funds and project update, Jim Janssen - Board Supervisor-Town of Crane Lake; Jennifer Force, Dan Hinzmann, and Jason Chopp- SEH; Roy Christensen- attorney for Crane Lake

M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 9i - Land Acquisition for Voyageurs National Park Crane Lake Visitors Center, \$950,000

M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 5, Sec. 2, Subd. 09s - Crane Lake Voyageurs National Park Campground, \$3,100,000

M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09n - Voyageurs National Park Crane Lake Visitors Center Project, \$2,700,000

Michael Varien provided an overview of the conveyance being requested by the Town of Crane Lake.

Jim Janssen, Board Supervisor of the Town of Crane Lake and Jennifer Force, SEH, provided a brief presentation regarding their request to convey interest in real property acquired with ENRTF funds, and stood for questions. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to approve the conveyance to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency of a perpetual environmental covenant and easement on approximately 28 acres of land acquired with ENRTF funds provided a final draft of the easement has been reviewed by LCCMR staff – motion prevailed (10 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Beeman	X		Commissioner Lillie - Rep	Excused	
Commissioner Faber	Excused		Commissioner McEwen - Sen	Absent	
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused		Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hedstrom	X		Commissioner Skraba – Rep	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Absent		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	X				

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9. Information and possible discussion: 2025 Session Report

Director Nash announced this agenda item would be deferred to a later meeting.

10. LCCMR other business

There was no other business.

11. Public testimony

There was no public testimony.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Signed by Senator FOUNG HAWJ

Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on July 18, 2025