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Thursday, June 26, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:40 p.m.

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

Members Present: Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. FOUNG Hawj, 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, L. Bigaouette

Members Excused: William Faber and Rep. Roger Skraba

Members Absent: Rep. Josh Heintzeman

Co-Chair: Rep. Sydney Jordan

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

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Jordan asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 10 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	Excused
Commissioner Beeman	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Lillie - Rep	Absent
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	Absent	Commissioner Reese	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hedstrom	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Skraba – Rep	Excused
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Absent	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Absent
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	Yes (remote)		

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

Commissioner Hawj joined the meeting remotely.

Members reported the following conflicts of interest for 2026 proposals:

Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, William Faber, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. FOUNG 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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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

3. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2026 Proposal Presentations (FY27) – see presentation schedule for Day 3 (subject to change)

Commissioner Westrom joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Lillie joined the meeting remotely.

See [Attachment #1](#) for Presentation Schedule for June 26, 2025.

Members recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Commissioner Langseth joined the meeting remotely.

4. Continuation of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2026 Proposal Presentations (FY27) – see presentation schedule for Day 3 (subject to change)

See [Attachment #1](#) for Presentation Schedule for June 26, 2025.

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5. Action: Work plans for projects funded in M.L. 2025

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

Michael Varien provided an overview of the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund – Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2025 (FY2026)-June 26, 2025”. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Fischer moved from the spreadsheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund – Final Work Plan Review and Approvals – M.L. 2025 (FY2026)-June 26, 2025” to approve Lines 3 to 6 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 (9 Yes / 2 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	Absent	
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen		X	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Absent		Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner Hedstrom	X		Commissioner Skraba – Rep	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Absent		Commissioner Westrom – Sen		X
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	X				

6. LCCMR other business

a. Discussion: Emerging Issues Account process

Director Nash provided an overview of the memo “Emerging Issues Account Discussion”. Members discussed.

b. Information and possible discussion: 2025 Session Report

Director Nash announced the 2025 Session Report will be deferred to a later meeting.

c. Discussion of North Central Minnesota Site Visit in September

Noah Fribley provided an update on the North Central Minnesota Site Visit in September. Members discussed.

7. Continuation of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2026 Proposal Presentations (FY27) – see presentation schedule for Day 3 (subject to change)

The remaining presentations were moved to Agenda Item 4.

8. Public testimony

There was no public testimony.

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9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Signed by Senator Foug Hawj

Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on July 18, 2025