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MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: HYBRID: Room G-23, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 and through electronic means (YouTube)

Members Present: Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, William Faber, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. Foung Hawj, Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Sydney Jordan, Shona Langseth, Sen. Jennifer McEwen, Seth Moore, Michael Reese, Rep. Roger Skraba, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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

Members Excused: Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Aric Putnam

Members Absent: Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Leon Lillie

Co-Chair: Rita Albrecht

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Albrecht requested a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 11 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum.

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

2. Approve minutes for July 18 and September 16, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to approve the minutes for July 18, 2025, and September 16, 2025 – motion prevailed.

Commissioner Skraba joined the meeting at 9:03 am.

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

Member Conflict of Interest Report - M.L. 2026 (FY27)

Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest	Direct Personal Financial Interest in the Organization
2026-168	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Integrating Biological-Carbon Capture and Microalgae for Sustainable Biofuel Production	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2026-318	Tiffany	Wolf	United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	Monica Hedstrom	Yes
2026-318	Tiffany	Wolf	United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	Seth Moore	Yes
2026-329	Eric	Buchanan	Making Solar Work for Minnesota Dairy Farmers	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2026-396	Skip	Langer	Southeast Minnesota Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative	Olmsted County	Shona Langseth	No
2026-436	Chris	Lindholm	Outdoor Learning Center and Trails	Cook County Schools ISD 166	Seth Moore	Yes

4. Director's report

Commissioner Hawj joined the meeting at 9:05 am.

Director Nash:

- Introduced new staff members, Ajeev Shah and Erin Barton.
- Presented an overview of the organization's workload and achievements.
- Announced five openings on the Trust Fund Citizen Selection Committee and four openings on the LCCMR: two appointed by the Governor, one by the Senate, and one by the House.
- Identified that the deadline for Emerging Issues Account submissions is end of business, November 19, 2025, and provided an overview of the process.
- Notified members that Agenda Item 06b will not be taken up.
- Noted that Agenda Item 06c will be taken up before Agenda Item 06a.

- Noted that under Agenda Item 10, a letter from the DNR has been posted as public testimony.

5. Completed project presentation(s)

a. ID: 2022-163, Land-Use and Climate Impacts on Minnesota's Whitewater River, U of MN / St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, Andrew Wickert

Andrew Wickert, University of Minnesota / St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, delivered a presentation on ID: 2022-163, titled "Land-Use and Climate Impacts on Minnesota's Whitewater River." Following the presentation, members engaged in discussion.

b. ID: 2022-081, Strategic Framework to Guide Local Water Storage, Board of Water and Soil Resources, Henry Van Offelen

Henry Van Offelen, Board of Water and Soil Resources, delivered a presentation on ID: 2022-081, titled "Strategic Framework to Guide Local Water Storage". Following the presentation, members engaged in discussion.

6. Action: Potential policy revisions for consideration

Chair Albrecht announced that Item 06c would be taken up first for discussion.

c. DNR Commissioner approval of non-state land acquisitions

Director Nash reviewed potential policy revision options to M.S. 116P.17 that requires DNR Commissioner approval for land acquisitions. Katherine Sherman-Hoehn of the Minnesota DNR was available remotely to respond to members' questions. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Beeman moved to direct staff to draft language revising M.S. 116P.17 to apply only to acquisitions for conveyance to the DNR, and revise the deadline for approval to 30 days - motion prevailed (13 Yes / 0 No).

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

a. Conflict of Interest

Director Nash reviewed member survey responses and potential conflict-of-interest policy revisions. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Jordan moved to recommend that staff develop draft language revising M.S. 116P.09, Subdivision 6 (Conflict of Interest), as outlined in Option A(2) of the LCCMR Conflict of Interest (COI) Policies Memo – motion prevailed (13 Yes / 0 No).

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

~~**b. Citizen Selection Committee**~~

7. Discussion and Action: DRAFT Request for Proposal (RFP) for M.L. 2027 (FY28)

Mike Campana reviewed the draft Request for Proposal for M.L. 2027. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Langseth moved to approve the draft Request for Proposal for M.L. 2027 (FY28), with the provision that staff may make any necessary technical changes – motion prevailed (11 Yes / 2 No).

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

8. Discussion and Action: DRAFT 2026 LCCMR meeting calendar

Michael Varien reviewed three options for the 2026 LCCMR meeting calendar. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved to adopt January 7, 2026, as the RFP release date with an April 8 closing date, and June 10 as the Member Evaluation #1 due date.

Members discussed. Commissioner Westrom withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved to adopt the middle option, as presented in the 2026 Calendar Options, as the 2026 LCCMR Calendar.

Members discussed.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved to direct staff to draft an additional option for the 2026 LCCMR Calendar using the early option through meeting 8 and the middle option for the remainder of the year, with staff making additional modifications to allow more time for member evaluations; Member Evaluation #1 due around Tuesday, June 9; the selection meeting no later than Friday, June 19; and limiting presentation days to June 29 through July 2 – motion prevailed (10 Yes / 0 No).

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

9. LCCMR other business

No further business came before the Commission.

10. Public testimony

Dr. Kelly Straka, DNR, submitted a letter dated August 27, 2025, in response to testimony presented at the LCCMR meeting on July 18, 2025.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Signed by William Faber
Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on December 10, 2025