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Wednesday, July 1, 2026

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

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

Members Present: Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, William Faber, Rep. Dawn Gillman, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. Fong Hawj, Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Sydney Jordan, Rep. Leon Lillie, Sen. Jennifer McEwen, Seth Moore, Sen. Aric Putnam, Rep. Roger Skraba, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Staff Present: B. Nash, M. Varien, M. Campana, E. Barton

Members Excused: Shona Langseth

Members Absent:

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. Becca Nash took roll call for attendance. There were 11 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum. Commissioner Jordan announced that she is attending the meeting on the capitol complex.

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

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

Member Conflict of Interest Report - M.L. 2027 (FY28)

Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest
2027-094	Mae	Davenport	Sustaining Food Ecosystems for Tribal and Community Health	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Monica Hedstrom
2027-097	Wiley	Buck	Forest Health in Brainerd Lakes Conservation Focus Area	Great River Greening	Willam Faber
2027-124	Tiffany	Wolf	Indigenous Practice, Modern Threat: Brain-Tanning and CWD	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	Monica Hedstrom
2027-193	Marissa	Milstein	Revitalizing Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in White Earth	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Monica Hedstrom
2027-307	Catherine	Early	Braiding Knowledge for Biodiversity Conservation	Science Museum of Minnesota	Monica Hedstrom
2027-358	Anna	Cates	Oats and Water Quality: Potential for Nitrogen Preservation	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Shona Langseth
2027-394	Andrew	Gregory	Interagency Partnership to Conserve Minnesota Wild Turkey	University of North Texas	Willam Faber
2027-431	Brian	Olson	NW Regional 9 County Biochar Initiative	Beltrami County	Monica Hedstrom
2027-454	Brian	Dingmann	Evaluating Microbial Recovery in Restored Minnesota Peatlands	U of MN, Crookston	Monica Hedstrom
2027-528	Josh	Pennington	Assessing Recruitment Threats for Imperiled Blanding's Turtles	Department of Military Affairs	Willam Faber

3. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2027 proposal presentations (FY28) – see presentation schedule for Day 3 (subject to change)

See [Presentation Schedule](#) for July 1, 2026.

Commissioner Westrom joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner McEwen joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Hawj joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Heintzeman joined the meeting remotely.

Members recessed for lunch at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

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4. Continuation of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2027 proposal presentations (FY28) – see presentation schedule for Day 3 (subject to change)

See [Presentation Schedule](#) for July 1, 2026.

5. LCCMR other business

a. Member Conflict of Interest Policy discussion (continued)

Chair Albrecht started discussion on members conflict of interest policy. Director Nash reviewed the memo and email from nonpartisan staff. Members discussed. Members directed staff to consult with Legislative Auditor Judy Randall's office and come up with options for a future recommendation for members to evaluate.

b. Amount of available funding update

Director Nash announced there is \$127,510,000 available for each year of this biennium.

c. Emerging Issues Account funds

Director Nash started discussion on the repurposing of funds from the Emerging Issues Account. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom revised his motion and moved to include \$1,948,000 from the Emerging Issues Account, as appropriated in M.L. 2025, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 2, Subdivision 10a, and \$186,000 from the Emerging Issues Account, as appropriated in M.L. 2024, Chapter 83, Section 2, Subd. 10b, to the amount available for recommendation to the Legislature as part of the 2027 Request for Proposal process, with the understanding that any amount that is not evenly divisible into a recommended project will be returned to the trust fund – motion prevailed (8 Yes / 5 No).

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

d. Work plan approvals

1) Approve consent agenda

2) Non-consent items

3) Plan for remaining work plans

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MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to approve the M.L. 2026 work plans listed in Category A Consent Agenda along with approval notes and contingencies listed on the spreadsheet titled, "Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund M.L. 2026 Work Plans and Conditions – M.L. 2026 (FY 2027) - July 1, 2026" – motion prevailed (11 Yes / 1 No).

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

6. Public testimony

Director Nash announced there is no public testimony, but there is written testimony posted.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Signed by Rita Albrecht

Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on July 30, 2026