

LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

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Date: January 15, 2019

To: Governor Tim Walz

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Chair, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance, Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen

Minority Lead, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance, Senator David Tomassoni

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Chair, House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division Committee, Representative Rick Hansen

Minority Lead, House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division Committee, Representative Dan Fabian

Chair, House Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee, Representative John Persell

Minority Lead, House Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee, Representative Dale Lueck

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From: Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

Subject: Biennial Report required by M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7

The LCCMR biennial report as required in M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7 from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) due January 15, 2019 is hereby transmitted. It is available on the LCCMR web site at:

https://www.lccmr.leg.mn/documents/biennial_rpt/2019/2019_biennial_report.html or in a CD or print format upon request.

The report covers LCCMR actions from Jan. 15, 2017 (date of the previous biennial report) to January 15, 2019, including summaries of past funding accomplishments and new recommendations for funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

There is \$61,387,000 available for expenditure in each year of the FY20-21 biennium from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) – biennial total available \$122,774,000. The amount available for expenditure is determined by the MN Constitution which states: “The amount appropriated each year of a biennium....may be up to 5.5% of the market value of the fund on June 30 one year before the start of the biennium”. The value of the ENRTF on June 30, 2018 was \$1,116,133,914.

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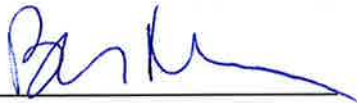
Debt service in the amount of \$7,840,000 is subtracted from the amount available each year resulting in \$53,547,000 available for recommendations.

The LCCMR is making a funding recommendation to the 2019 Legislature totaling \$53,696,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. The LCCMR will be making a future additional funding recommendation for FY21 totaling up to \$53,547,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to the 2020 Legislature. As stated in M.S. 116P, the LCCMR may make an annual or a biennial funding recommendation.

The list of recommended appropriations totaling \$53,696,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is provided in "Section V. Recommendations." The funding levels and the proposed legislative bill were adopted by the LCCMR on December 4, 2018.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Legislature in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Becca Nash", written over a horizontal line.

Becca Nash, Director
On behalf of the LCCMR

cc: LCCMR Members as of December 2018

Legislative-Citizen
Commission
on
Minnesota Resources

Biennial Report
January 15, 2019



Pursuant to: M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7

Commission Members

LCCMR Membership January 1, 2017 – January 1, 2019

<u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>	<u>SENATORS</u>	<u>APPOINTED NON-LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS</u>
Rep. Rob Ecklund	Sen. Gary Dahms	GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS William Faber* <i>(appointed: 12/20/2017 - term ends: 1/1/2022)</i>
Rep. Josh Heintzeman*	Sen. Kari Dziedzic	Nancy Gibson* <i>(appointed: 6/18/2016 - term ends: 1/6/2020)</i>
Rep. Joe Hoppe	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen*	Nicole Kessler <i>(appointed: 1/31/2017 - term ends: 12/31/2020)</i>
Rep. Jim Newberger	Sen. David Tomassoni*	Norm Moody <i>(appointed: 1/31/2017 - term ends: 12/31/2020)</i>
Rep. Jean Wagenius*	Sen. Torrey Westrom	Della Young <i>(appointed: 12/20/2017 - term ends: 1/1/2022)</i>
		SENATE APPOINTMENTS Michael Reese <i>(appointed: 5/24/2018 - term ends: 12/31/2021)</i> Previous: Gary Lamma <i>(appointed: 5/14/2014 – term ended: 5/14/2018)</i>
		HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTMENT Denny McNamara <i>(appointed: 5/2/2018 - term ends: 12/31/2021)</i> Previous: Jeff Broberg <i>(appointed: 12/6/2013 – term ended: 1/1/2018)</i>

*Denotes Executive Committee Members

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I. Strategic Plan

“a copy of the current strategic plan;”

A. Six Year Strategic Plan

B. Request for Proposal Funding Priorities for M.L. 2017 and M.L. 2018

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“a description of each project receiving money from the trust fund during the preceding biennium;”

Project Abstracts for Laws 2017 and 2018

III. Completed Research Projects

“a summary of any research project completed in the preceding biennium;”

Project Abstracts of all projects completed between January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018, including research.

IV. Agency Implementation

“recommendations to implement successful projects and programs into a state agency’s standard operations;”

V. Recommendations

“to the extent known by the commission, descriptions of the projects anticipated to be supported by the trust fund during the next biennium;”

VI. Revenues and Distributions

“the source and amount of all revenues collected and distributed by the commission, including all administrative and other expenses;”

VII. Assets and Liabilities

“a description of the assets and liabilities of the trust fund;”

VIII. Findings to Legislature

“any findings or recommendations that are deemed proper to assist the legislature in formulating legislation;”

IX. Gifts and Donations

“a list of all gifts and donations with a value over \$1,000;”

X. Environmental Spending Comparisons

“a comparison of the amounts spent by the state for environment and natural resources activities through the most recent fiscal year; and”

XI. Compliance Audit

“a copy of the most recent compliance audit.”

APPENDIX A

- Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Constitutional Language
- M.S. 116P, The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (Trust Fund)
- M.S. 116Q.02, Great Lakes Protection Account

