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MINUTES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

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

Members Present: Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Jeff Backer, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Foug Hawj, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Athena Hollins, Shona Langseth, Seth Moore, Sen. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese

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

Members Excused: Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Sen. Foug Hawj

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

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Hawj asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 15 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	Yes	Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Yes
Commissioner Albrecht	Yes	Commissioner Hollins – Rep	Yes
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Yes	Commissioner Langseth	Yes
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	Excused	Commissioner Moore	Yes
Commissioner Faber	Yes	Commissioner Morrison – Sen	Yes
Commissioner Gibson	Yes	Commissioner Peichel	Yes
Commissioner Green - Sen	Yes	Commissioner Reese	Yes
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	Yes	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Yes		

2. Approve minutes for December 7, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved the minutes for December 7, 2023 – motion prevailed.

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

Members reported no conflicts of interest for today’s business.

Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Jeff Backer, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Foug Hawj, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Athena Hollins, Shona Langseth, Seth Moore, Sen. Kelly Morrison, Jeremy Peichel, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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4. Director’s report

No items to report for today's business.

5. Presentations and Action: Emerging Issue proposals

Director Nash provided an overview of the six requests from the emerging issues account and stated that an affirmative vote of at least 60% of members present today, or 9 members, is needed for passage. In the case of the two requests falling under M.S. 116P.18 Lands in Public Domain, an affirmative vote of at least 11 members is needed for passage.

a. “Reducing Turtle Mortality through Exclusionary Fencing on MnDOT Right of Way”, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Shawna Gibson and Christopher Smith, \$248,823

Shawn Gibson and Christopher Smith gave a presentation on their proposal titled “Reducing Turtle Mortality through Exclusionary Fencing on MnDOT Right of Way”. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the proposal titled “Reducing Turtle Mortality through Exclusionary Fencing on MnDOT Right of Way”, Minnesota Department of Transportation for \$248,823 from the Emerging Issues account.

Members continued discussions and returned to the motion.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the proposal titled “Reducing Turtle Mortality through Exclusionary Fencing on MnDOT Right of Way”, Minnesota Department of Transportation for \$248,823 from the Emerging Issues account – motion prevailed (11 Yes / 4 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep		X	Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziejczak - Sen	Excused		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen		X	Commissioner Reese		X
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

b. “Stop Starry Invasion - Community Invasive Species Containment”, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, Jeff Forester, \$385,000

Jeff Forester gave a presentation on their proposal titled “Stop Starry Invasion – Community Invasive Species Containment”. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the proposal titled “Stop Starry Invasion – Community Invasive Species Containment”, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates for \$385,000 from the Emerging Issues account and staff has the authority to work on this work plan and any other projects that are approved today from the emerging issues account – motion prevailed (14 Yes / 1 No).

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Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	Excused		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen		X	Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

Due to technical difficulties, members moved to Agenda Item #6 “Strategic Planning”.

c. Fee Title and Conservation Easement Acquisitions, Dakota County, Al Singer and Lisa West

1) “Benjamin,” \$185,000

2) “CDA,” \$105,000

3) “Haskell Street,” \$104,000

4) “Wicklund,” \$200,000

Al Singer and Lisa West gave a presentation on their four proposals on fee title and conservation easement acquisitions. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the Benjamin property for 33 acres from Dakota County on fee title and conservation easement acquisitions for \$185,000 from the Emerging Issues account.

Members continued discussions and returned to the motion.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the Benjamin property for 33 acres from Dakota County on fee title and conservation easement acquisitions for \$185,000 from the Emerging Issues account with the caveat staff has authorization to approve the work plan – motion prevailed (11 Yes / 4 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep		X	Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	Excused		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen		X	Commissioner Reese		X
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	

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Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				
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MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the CDA property for 4.9 acres from Dakota County on fee title and conservation easement acquisitions for \$105,000 from the Emerging Issues account.

Director Nash provided an overview of M.S. 116P.18 “Lands in Public Domain” and stated an affirmative vote of at least 11 members is needed for passage. Members discussed.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the CDA property for 4.9 acres from Dakota County on fee title and conservation easement acquisitions for \$105,000 from the Emerging Issues account with the caveat LCCMR staff has authorization to approve the work plan – motion did not prevail (9 Yes / 6 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep		X	Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	Excused		Commissioner Moore		X
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel		X
Commissioner Green - Sen		X	Commissioner Reese		X
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the Haskel Street property for .5 acres from Dakota County on fee title and conservation easement acquisitions for \$104,000 from the Emerging Issues account with the caveat LCCMR staff has authorization to approve the work plan – motion prevailed (11 Yes / 4 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dzedzic - Sen	Excused		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

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MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the following caveats for the two Dakota County acquisitions (Haskell Street and Benjamin properties) from the Emerging Issues Account - 1) Proof that payment conditions have been met prior to closing and 2) Submission of the completed acquisition packet to DNR Grants Unit for review at least 30 days prior to closing – motion prevailed (15 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Dziedzic - Sen	Excused		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Morrison – Sen	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green - Sen	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X				

6. Strategic planning update

Commissioner Albrecht provided an overview of the status of the strategic planning subcommittee. Members discussed.

Chair Hawj returned to agenda Item #5c.

7. LCCMR other business

a. Next meeting: April 24, 2024

Director Nash asked about any conflicts and then announced the April 24 meeting will be an evening meeting.

8. Public testimony

There was no public testimony.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.
