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MINUTES

Tuesday, December 06, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 200

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

Staff Present: S. Thornton, M. McDonough, M. Varien, D. Griffith

Members Excused: Sen. Gary Dahms, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, and Sen. John Hoffman

Co-Chair: Rep. John Persell

Co-Chair Persell started the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

1. Approve the minutes for November 15, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Faber approved the minutes for November 15, 2016 – motion prevailed.

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

MS 116P.09 Subd 6 Conflict of interest. A commission member, technical advisory committee member, a peer review panelist, or an employee of the commission may not participate in or vote on a decision of the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel relating to an organization in which the member, panelist, or employee has either a direct or indirect personal financial interest. While serving on the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel, or being an employee of the commission, a person shall avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Members reported no conflicts of interest for today's meeting.

3. LCCMR Staff Updates

- **Request for extension of M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f "Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Monitoring and Biocontrol Evaluation", U of MN, Robert Koch, \$167,000 and Subd. 04f "Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Monitoring and Biocontrol Evaluation", MN Department of Agriculture, Mark Abrahamson, \$99,000**

Susan Thornton discussed adding a carryforward for M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f "Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Monitoring and Biocontrol Evaluation".

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve the extension for M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f "Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Monitoring and Biocontrol Evaluation", \$266,000 and to have staff add the extension to the ENRTF Appropriation Language as an additional carryforward – motion prevailed.

- **Status of 2017 recommendations including M.L. 2017, Subd. 05j "Analysis of Thermally Modified Wood Nesting Boxes for Birds", U of MN – NRRRI, Ryan Hueffmeier, \$100,000 request to be withdrawn**

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Susan Thornton explained the withdrawal by Ryan Hueffmeier of M.L. 2017, Subd. 05j "Analysis of Thermally Modified Wood Nesting Boxes for Birds".

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve the acceptance of withdrawal by Ryan Hueffmeier of M.L. 2017, Subd. 05j "Analysis of Thermally Modified Wood Nesting Boxes for Birds", U of MN – NRRI, \$100,000 and not to spend the money at this time – motion prevailed.

4. Adopt Biennial Report due January 15, 2017

Susan Thornton gave an overview of the outline for the Biennial Report due on January 15, 2017.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve the draft Biennial Report outline due January 15, 2017 and to have staff update the report and correct any grammatical changes – motion prevailed.

5. Minnesota State Lottery Update – Videos featuring ENRTF appropriations

Chris Kwapick, Minnesota Lottery Liaison and Emily Frost discussed and previewed the videos created by the Minnesota Lottery related to Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations. Mr. Kwapick said FY2016 was a record contribution year for the ENRTF at \$38.3 million.

Members discussed the length of terms of lottery dedication to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF).

6. MN Department of Agriculture update on efforts to control invasive Palmer Amaranth, related to M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 06e, "Elimination of Target Invasive Plant Species – Phase II"

Monika Chandler provided an overview of the Palmer Amaranth situation, spread and control efforts in Minnesota. Members discussed the many alternatives for eradicating Palmer Amaranth.

7. Discussion of U of MN Research – Brian Buhr, Dean CFANS

Brian Buhr, Dean CFANS, provided an overview of research process and initiatives at the University of Minnesota.

8. University of Minnesota Office of Technology Transfer overview related to ENRTF funded inventions at the U of MN – Anne Hall, Technology Strategy Manager, Life Sciences

Anne Hall, Technology Strategy Manager, Life Sciences provided an overview of the patent and invention process related to ENRTF funded inventions at the U of MN.

9. Carver County request to convey land acquired with ENRTF funds, in Lake Waconia Regional Park for a sanitary sewer utility easement. LCCMR approval is required for land conveyances according to M.S 116P.15 LAND RESTRICTIONS. ENRTF funding was from M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04c "Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition"

Emmett Mullin, Met Council, Martin Walsh, Carver County Parks Director, and Deb Jensen, Met Council, provided an overview of the conveyance for utility easement. Deb Jensen explained that Parkside Church will repay the ENRTF \$1,395, offering first right of refusal to Carver County should the Church property become available and it will be restored to prairie savanna.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the request to convey land acquired with ENRTF funds, in Lake Waconia Regional Park for a utility easement from M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04c "Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition" – motion prevailed.

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10. Minnesota Land Trust request to amend easement acquisition list to include seven parcels in Isanti County from M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09e "Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VIII - Coordination and Mapping and Conservation Easements"

Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust and Nick Bancks, Minnesota Land Trust provided an overview of their request to amend their easement acquisition list to include seven parcels in Isanti County from M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09e "Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VIII - Coordination and Mapping and Conservation Easements".

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved to lay this amendment request approval until LCCMR members can review the conservation easements.

Members discussed pollinators, pesticide use, ranking projects and etc. Mr. Bancks said he would provide the DNR Best Management Practices for Pollinators from 2014 that they give landowners.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius renewed her motion to lay this amendment request approval until LCCMR members can review the conservation easements.

Members continued discussions.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius renewed her motion to approve their request to amend the easement acquisition list to include seven parcels in Isanti County from M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09e "Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VIII - Coordination and Mapping and Conservation Easements" contingent on the LCCMR members receiving preliminary copies of easements/management plans prior to a closing of any easement/management.

Susan reviewed the language in law for ML2015. Commissioner Wagenius asked if Minnesota Land Trust would be able to send the easements 30 days prior to closing. Mr. Bancks said MLT will work with LCCMR staff. Commissioner Wagenius would like a presentation regarding easements and include a comparison with other states discussion (i.e. Colorado).

Commissioner Wagenius withdrew her motion and asked staff for other models from other state.

MOTION: Commissioner McNamara moved to approve their request to amend easement acquisition list to include seven parcels in Isanti County from M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09e "Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VIII - Coordination and Mapping and Conservation Easements" – motion prevailed.

Members continued discussions. Members asked for a presentation on the Noxious Weed Law.

Members recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m..

11. FY18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Recommendations – Mark Johnson, Executive Director

Mark Johnson provided an overview of the LSOHC recommendations.

12. Parks and Trails Legacy Fund overview

Laura Preus, MN DNR and Kent Skaar, MN DNR, provided an overview of the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund.

13. Update from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Trails on State lands and State Trail funding needs

Laura Preus, MN DNR and Kent Skaar, MN DNR, provided an overview of the DNR's trails on State lands and State trail funding needs.

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14. Discuss FY19 LCCMR 2018 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP) for adoption and review current Strategic Plan

Susan Thornton provided an overview of the draft 2018 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP) and handed out two items: (1) a white sheet titled "Draft for Discussion for Invasive Species Center" and (2) a green sheet titled "2008 Funding Priorities Related to Grant Programs".

Commissioner McNamara handed out M.S. 116P.08 Environment and Natural resources Trust Fund Expenditures and Exceptions. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to have the following language added to the 2018 ENRTF Request for Proposals under 2018 Funding Priorities D. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species:

"Research proposals related to invasive species must consider the research priorities established by the U of M's Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plant and Pest Center or the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center."

- Motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved to have edits on Option B and create some language in consultation with the U of MN for Option E from the handout titled "Draft for Discussion for Invasive Species Center" - motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Lampa moved to have staff add language from the 2008 RFP related to the Local Initiative Grant Program. There was discussion that staff could work with DNR to get a proposal for a related grant program - motion withdrawn.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to edit page 7 and have staff update with all changes accepted today for the FY19 LCCMR 2018 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP) – motion prevailed. (See Attachment #1 for a copy of the adopted FY19 LCCMR 2018 ENRTF Request for Proposal (RFP))

5. Adopt 2017 LCCMR Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve the 2017 LCCMR Calendar – motion prevailed.

16. Other business (as needed)

- Next steps in the process

- Next meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Members discussed a potential site visit to the University of Minnesota Arboretum - Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center, University of Minnesota - Bee Research Facility, and University of Minnesota - Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.

Susan Thornton replied that staff would poll members to get an accurate count for attendance for a site visit on December 13.

17. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.


