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Susan Thornton, Director

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Meeting)**

**12:00 p.m. (Tentative Time) – 5:00 p.m. (Site Visit)**

**Room 5 State Office Building**

**St. Paul, MN 55155**

**Members Present:** Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Nicole Kessler, Gary Lamma, Norman Moody, Rep. Jim Newberger, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Joe Hoppe

**Chair: Co-Chair Rep. Heintzeman**

Co-Chair Heintzeman convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**1. Approve the minutes for June 7, 2017**

MOTION: Commissioner Newberger moved to approve the minutes for June 7, 2017 – 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.*

Commissioner Young abstained from approving the minutes for June 7, 2017 because she was not in attendance for the meeting.

**3. Overview on updated 'Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines', Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) regarding Palmer Amaranth, Dan Shaw**

Dan Shaw (BWSR) provided an overview of the 'Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines' regarding Palmer Amaranth. Members discussed.

**4. Rescheduled from June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 10 "Emerging Issues Account" (balance remaining is \$622,000) – Requests for funding:**

- Emerging Issues Account needs a supermajority of 12 members to approve

**A. "Palmer Amaranth Detection and Eradication", MN Dept. of Agriculture, Monika Chandler, \$173,000**

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Monika Chandler (MN Dept. of Agriculture), Geir Friisoe (MN Dept. of Agriculture), and Andrea Vaubel (MN Dept. of Agriculture) provided an overview of "Palmer Amaranth Detection and Eradication". Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to approve \$173,000 from M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 10 Emerging Issues Account for "Palmer Amaranth Detection and Eradication", MN Dept. of Agriculture, Monika Chandler – motion prevailed (16 -Yes / 0 – No).

### **B. "Deer Movement Related to Potential CWD Prion Transmission", MN DNR, Chris Janelle, \$350,000**

Michelle Carstensen, Chris Janelle, Andrew Norton (MN DNR) provided an overview of "Deer Movement Related to Potential CWD Prion Transmission". Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hoppe moved to approve \$350,000 from M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 10 Emerging Issues Account for "Deer Movement Related to Potential CWD Prion Transmission", MN Dept. of Natural Resources, Chris Janelle – motion prevailed (15 -Yes / 2 – No):

## **5. Continue discussions on LCCMR process related to M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 19**

### **Subd. 19. Fiscal Year 2019 Recommendations**

(a) **"For fiscal year 2019, the commission shall consider recommending loans from the corpus of the trust fund to statutory and home rule charter cities and towns with a population less than 5,000 as provided in the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 14. The commission shall work with the Public Facilities Authority in developing its recommendations. The commission shall include in its recommendations an analysis of using trust fund allocations for grants to the same cities and towns, including any necessary statutory changes."**

- **Discussion LCCMR past appropriations for research on wastewater, drinking water and other water contamination (spreadsheet to be provided).**
- **Overview ENRTF investment earnings**

Co-Chair Sen. Ingebrigtsen requested staff to send out an inquiry to members about interest in participating in a subcommittee on wastewater related to M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 19 'Fiscal year 2019 Recommendations'.

MOTION: Commissioner Westrom moved to give the 3 Co-Chairs authority to create a subcommittee to move this issue forward (one or two from House/Senate/Citizen) to update the full commission on wastewater related to M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 19 'Fiscal year 2019 Recommendations'.

Through continued discussions members agreed:

1. The subcommittee members should be: 2 House members, 2 Senate members and 2 appointed Citizen members (*if possible*).
2. There will be a request to House and Senate Research staff to provide some analysis on this issue. It would be a good start for the subcommittee discussion to have a review and analysis of the current statutes, the constitution, legislative history and funding history and future funding needs for drinking and wastewater treatment systems. It would help provide options for consideration for LCCMR review.
3. Members requested an update from the University of Minnesota on small wastewater treatment technology and an update on ENRTF investment earnings from SBI.
4. Potentially two to four subcommittee meetings to receive information and develop any recommendations to the full LCCMR.
5. Meetings would begin fall/winter timeframe in conjunction with LCCMR proposal hearings.

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RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Westrom renewed his motion to give the 3 Co-Chairs authority to create a subcommittee to move this issue forward (one or two from House/Senate/Citizen) to update the full commission on wastewater related to M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 19 'Fiscal year 2019 Recommendations' – motion prevailed.

**6. Other business**

- Next scheduled LCCMR Site Visit – July 19-20, 2017 proposed draft agenda attached

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**8. Depart for Metro Area Site Visit**

- St. Croix Riverfront Acquisition (Stillwater)
- Brown's Creek Trail – Acquisition
- Science Museum of Minnesota – St. Croix Watershed Research Station

Members departed for the Metro Area Site Visit.

**9. Arrive State Office Building**

Members returned at 4:15 p.m.



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