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## *LCMR names appointments to Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Advisory Task Force*

The first eight appointments to the new, 16-member advisory task force charged with examining the processes used for making recommendations on expenditures from the state's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund have been named.

The announcement came during the Aug. 9, meeting of the executive committee of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR), which recommends grants that are funded from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Created by Constitutional Amendment in 1988, the Trust Fund serves as a permanent endowment for special natural resource projects that protect and enhance the air, land, and water. Some of the state lottery profits provide the basis for the corpus of the Trust Fund. For information on the Trust Fund see the web site at [lcmr.leg.mn](http://lcmr.leg.mn)

According to legislation passed in the 2005 legislative session, the advisory task force will examine the current process for making recommendations from the Trust Fund and recommend changes in that process. The task force will report its recommendations to the governor and the Legislature by Feb. 15, 2006.

The task force appointments are split between the governor and the LCMR — but the group's final composition will be eight members from the public, and eight former members of the LCMR, with four being members of the House of Representatives and four from the Senate.

The LCMR appointments announced today are:

- Steve Morse, Dakota, who served in the State Senate from 1986-2000,
- Jane Krentz, May Township, who served in the Senate from 1993 to 2002,
- Gary Laidig, Woodbury, who served in both the House and Senate from 1972 – 2000,
- Earl Renneke, LeSueur, who served in the Senate 1969-1994,
- Dave Bishop, Rochester, who served in the House from 1982-2002,
- Rep. Phyllis Kahn, Minneapolis, who has served in the House since 1972,
- Rep. Loren Solberg, Grand Rapids, who has served in the House since 1982,
- Rep. Ron Erhardt, Edina, who has served in the House since 1990.

The governor is expected to name his appointments later this month.

LCMR chair, Rep. Kathy Tingelstad, Andover, expects that once the governor makes his appointments, the group will hold its first meeting in mid-September.

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**Senators:** Ellen Anderson, D. Scott Dibble, Dennis Frederickson, Linda Higgins, Pat Pariseau, Carrie Ruud, Dallas Sams, David Tomassoni, Charles Wiger, Jim Vickerman

**Representatives:** Kathy Tingelstad, Chair, Lyndon Carlson, Dan Dorman, Tom Hackbarth, Larry Howes, Thomas Huntley, Denny McNamara, Peter Nelson, Dan Severson, Jean Wagenius