Procedures of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)
Adopted September 23, 2008

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7. Conflicts of interest prohibitions and procedures

The conflict of interest Statute for the Trust Fund was first adopted in 1988 and amended in 2006:

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.

The LCCMR has strict rules governing conflict of interest to ensure fairness in the proposal review
and recommendations process. These restrictions include:

Conflict of Interest Prohibitions

- A person may not serve as a project manager for a proposal pending before the LCCMR if the
  person is a member or serves on a relevant technical advisory or peer review panel.
- A LCCMR member, technical advisory or peer review panel member may not receive direct
  personal financial benefit from a proposal being reviewed or funded.

Conflict of Interest to be Managed through Procedures:

Legislative and Non-legislative citizen members of the LCCMR have been appointed because of their
interest and expertise in various aspects of Minnesota’s natural resources. In addition, peer review
and technical review panel members have been appointed by the LCCMR because of their expertise.
Nevertheless, certain affiliations may constitute a conflict of interest that must be managed by the
LCCMR. They include:

- receipt of indirect personal financial benefit from a proposing organization or proposal being
  reviewed
- serving as an employee or governing board member of a proposing organization whose proposal
  is being reviewed
- serving with or without payment as a consultant to a proposer on the proposal being reviewed by
  LCCMR
- having a family relationship with a proposer or a staff or board member of a proposing
  organization

A conflict of interest must be identified before or during the initial proposal review process. The
member must send a letter to the chair of the LCCMR addressed to the LCCMR office declaring the
conflict of interest. Declaring a conflict of interest means that member may not advocate for or
against the proposal or vote on the proposal.

In addition, existing law and institutional policies on conflict of interest cover the LCCMR members
and staff and other legislative staff.
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