

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MEMO: Agenda Item #4

DATE: June 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Emerging Issues Proposal

Background

LCCMR has received a request for funding from the Emerging Issues Account:

- Environmental Assessment of CWD Prions at the Beltrami County Deer Carcass Dump Site, \$108,232, Dr. Peter Larsen, U of MN

The full request is attached.

LCCMR's Emerging Issues Account received an appropriation of \$439,000 in M.L. 2018. \$329,765 has been awarded to date to two projects. \$109,235 remains in the account. These funds must be allocated **and spent** by June 30, 2021. The "2021 LCCMR recommendations bill" includes an extension for these funds until June 30, 2022.

The Emerging Issues Account is authorized in M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 4. The LCCMR adopted policy and procedure for the Emerging Issues Account in 2008. The full policy is attached.

For a request to be approved, a quorum (9 members) of the Commission must be present and at least 60% of those members present must vote in favor of approval.

Number of Members Present	Number of affirmative votes needed (60%, rounded)
17	10
16	10
15	9
14	8
13	8
12	7
11	7
10	6
9	5

If a request is approved by the LCCMR, it will be sent to the governor for consideration. The funds would be available for spending as soon as the award and work plan are approved.

Materials

- Request: "Environmental Assessment of CWD Prions at the Beltrami County Deer Carcass Dump Site"
- Emerging Issues Account Procedures adopted 1/15/08 by LCCMR

Action

If supported, move to approve the "Environmental Assessment of CWD Prions at the Beltrami County Deer Carcass Dump Site" for \$108,232 and authorize staff to approve the associated work plan pending governor support per M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 4.