

LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

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January 15, 2013

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The biennial report as required in M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7 from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) due January 15, 2013 is available on the LCCMR web site at: <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>. The report is also available in a CD format or in print upon request and we would be pleased to provide it to you.

This report covers LCCMR actions from Jan. 15, 2011 (date of the previous biennial report) to January 15, 2013, including summaries of past funding accomplishments and new recommendations for funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

There is \$33,810,552 available for expenditure in each year of the FY14-15 biennium from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) –biennial total available \$67,621,104. The amount available for expenditure is determined by the MN Constitution which states: “The amount appropriated each year of a biennium....may be up to 5.5% of the market value of the fund on June 30 one year before the start of the biennium”. The value of the ENRTF on June 30, 2012 was \$614,737,321.58.

The LCCMR is making a funding recommendation to the 2013 Legislature from the ENRTF totaling \$38,160,000 (\$33,810,000 is for FY14 and \$4,350,000 is for FY15). The LCCMR will be making a future additional funding recommendation for FY15 totaling \$29,460,000 to the 2014 Legislature. As stated in M.S. 116P, the LCCMR may make an annual or a biennial funding recommendation.

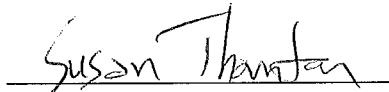
The list of recommended appropriations totaling \$38,160,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is provided in “Section V. Recommendations.” The funding levels and the

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proposed legislative bill were adopted by the LCCMR on November 28, 2012. Both actions were through affirmative votes of at least 12 of the 17 members as required by M.S. 116P.05, Subd. 2.

We look forward to presenting this information and certainly encourage questions and discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Legislature in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Thornton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Susan Thornton, Director
On behalf of the LCCMR

Cc: LCCMR Members

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Pursuant to: M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7

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2/1/2011 – 5/16/2012
Rep. Tom Rukavina
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Appointed 5/16/2012

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Appointed 6/20/2012
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Norm Moody, Gov. appt.
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APPENDIX A

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