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Friday, June 28, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: HYBRID: Room G-23, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 and through electronic means ([YouTube](#))

Members Present: Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Jeff Backer, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Foug Hawj, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Athena Hollins, Shona Langseth, Seth Moore, Jeremy Peichel, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Staff Present: B. Nash, M. Varien, M. Campana, T. Schaffler, D. Griffith

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Chair: Nancy Gibson

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Gibson asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 12 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	Yes	Commissioner Heintzeman	Absent
Commissioner Albrecht	Yes	Commissioner Hollins – Rep	Yes
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Langseth	Yes
Commissioner Faber	Yes	Commissioner Moore	Yes
Commissioner Gibson	Yes	Commissioner Peichel	Yes
Commissioner Green – Sen	Absent	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	Yes	Commissioner Reese	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Absent	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Absent

2. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

Members reported the following conflicts of interest:

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Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest
2025-078	Bradley	Heins	Agrivoltaics 2.0 Building a Resilient E-Farm	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2025-122	Jenni	Bubke	Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant Programs	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel
2025-182	Karlin	Ziegler	Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site Improvements	Olmsted County	Shona Langseth
2025-241	Joel	Tallaksen	Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to Reduce Environmental Impacts	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese

3. [Agenda Item 4] LCCMR Other Business

a. Approve minutes for June 20 and June 21, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht moved to approve the minutes for June 20 and June 21, 2024 – motion prevailed.

4. [Agenda Item 3] Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2025 Proposal Presentations (FY26) – see attached schedule (subject to change)

Commissioner Green joined the meeting.

Commissioner Hawj joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Heintzeman joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Westrom joined the meeting remotely.

See [Attachment #1](#) for Presentation Schedule for June 28, 2024.

5. [Agenda Item 4] LCCMR Other Business

b. Action: Work plans for projects funded in M.L. 2024

There was no action taken today for work plans funded in M.L. 2024.

c. Action: Emerging Issues Request: 2025-323 “Emerging Issue: CWD Prions in Minnesota Waters,” Diana Karwan, UMN- CFANS, \$486,000

Director Nash provided an overview of the Emerging Issues request/proposal received titled, “Emerging Issues: CWD Prions in Minnesota Waters”.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve \$164,000 from the Emerging Issues Account to conduct the work described in activity 1 from Proposal ID: 2025-323 “Emerging Issue: CWD Prions in Minnesota Waters”, Diana Karwan, UMN-CFANS.

Members discussed and Diana Karwan provided additional information.

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Hansen renewed his motion to move to approve \$164,000 from the Emerging Issues Account to conduct the work described in activity 1 from Proposal ID: 2025-323 “Emerging Issue: CWD Prions in Minnesota Waters”, Diana Karwan, UMN-CFANS, with the authority for staff to approve the work plan.

- motion prevailed (15 Yes / 0 No)

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Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Hollins – Rep	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	X		Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Excused	

6. [Agenda Item 5] Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

7. [Agenda Item 6] Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.