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**LCCMR Subcommittee on Strategic Planning  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

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

**Location:** REMOTE through electronic means ([YouTube](#))

**Subcommittee members:** Rita Albrecht, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Foug Hawj, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Shona Langseth, Michael Reese, Sen. Jennifer A. McEwen (alternate Senate member), and Jeremy Peichel (alternate citizen member)

**Subcommittee Members Present:** Rita Albrecht, Rep. Rick Hansen, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Shona Langseth, Sen. Jennifer A. McEwen (alternate Senate member), Michael Reese

**Staff Present:** B. Nash, M. Campana, N. Fribley

**Members Excused:** Sen. Steve Green, Sen. Foug Hawj, Jeremy Peichel (alternate citizen member)

**Members Absent:**

**Chair: Rita Albrecht**

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**1. Agenda Item 1 - Roll call attendance**

Director Nash took roll call attendance. There were 4 members present at the time of roll call, and four were needed for a quorum.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	Yes
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	Yes
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Yes
Commissioner Langseth	Yes
Commissioner Reese	Excused
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	Excused
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused

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**2. Agenda Item 2 - Approve minutes for July 31, 2024**

MOTION: Commissioner Langseth moved to approve the minutes for the July 31, 2024, Subcommittee on Strategic Planning meeting.

-- motion prevailed (4 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	Excused	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

**3. Agenda Item 3 - Overview of Current Recommendations**

Mike Campana provided an overview of current recommendations adopted by the subcommittee at previous meetings. Members discussed.

**4. Agenda Item 4 - Action: ENRTF Strategies**

Mr. Campana presented the working strategies under the goal, “Minnesota has healthy and diverse aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and plant populations that sustain and enhance the state’s environment, economy, and quality of life.” Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt option 6a under the goal, “Minnesota has healthy and diverse aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and plant populations that sustain and enhance the state’s environment, economy, and quality of life,” as presented in the document titled, “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Strategies for Fish and Wildlife Goal – DRAFT”.

-- motion did not prevail (3 Yes/2 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Langseth	X	

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Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	Excused	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

MOTION: Commissioner Heintzeman moved to adopt option 6b under the goal, “Minnesota has healthy and diverse aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and plant populations that sustain and enhance the state’s environment, economy, and quality of life,” as presented in the document titled, “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Strategies for Fish and Wildlife Goal – DRAFT”.

-- motion did not prevail (3 Yes/2 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth		X
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	Excused	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

Members recessed at 9:39 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Members moved to Agenda Item #5.

**5. Agenda Item 5 - Action: LCCMR Goals and Strategies**

Mr. Campana presented the working LCCMR goals and strategies for communications and proposal process that have not yet been adopted by the subcommittee.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt Goal 1 and its strategies, as presented in the document titled, “LCCMR Communications and Proposal Process Goals and Strategies for 2025-2031 (DRAFT)”.

-- motion prevailed (4 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	

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Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	Excused	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

Commissioner McEwen joined the meeting remotely.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt Goal 4 and its strategies, as presented in the document titled, “LCCMR Communications and Proposal Process Goals and Strategies for 2025-2031 (DRAFT)”.

-- motion prevailed (5 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt Goal 5 and its strategies, as presented in the document titled, “LCCMR Communications and Proposal Process Goals and Strategies for 2025-2031 (DRAFT)”.

-- motion prevailed (5 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

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MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt Goal 6 and its strategies, as presented in the document titled, “LCCMR Communications and Proposal Process Goals and Strategies for 2025-2031 (DRAFT)”.

-- motion prevailed (4 Yes/1 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt Goal 7 and its strategies, as presented in the document titled, “LCCMR Communications and Proposal Process Goals and Strategies for 2025-2031 (DRAFT)”, with the following change:

Re-write strategy 1(a) to read, “Focusing on technical information and storytelling.”

-- motion prevailed (5 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

Members returned to Agenda Item #4.

**6. Agenda Item 4 - Action: ENRTF Goals and Strategies**

MOTION: Commissioner Langseth moved to adopt all strategies with option 6a under the goal, “Minnesota has healthy and diverse aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and plant populations that sustain and enhance the

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state’s environment, economy, and quality of life,” as presented in the document titled, “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Strategies for Fish and Wildlife Goal – DRAFT”.

-- motion prevailed (4 Yes/1 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

**7. Agenda Item 6 - Action: ML 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) Priorities**

Mr. Campana presented document titled, “DRAFT (9/9/2024) - 2026 Funding Priorities” and explained connection to the strategic planning process. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to continue to include the following language in the ML 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) funding priorities:

- Proposals that address prevention strategies for protecting natural resources, that include citizen and community involvement in scientific efforts, or that implement or identify clear strategies for implementing research results are strongly encouraged.

-- motion prevailed (4 Yes/1 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

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MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to include the following language in the ML 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) funding priorities under Category C (Education and Outdoor Recreation):

- Baseball fields, basketball courts, splash pads, playground equipment, and other recreational facilities and infrastructure that do not improve or enhance natural resources or users’ experience with natural resources are generally not eligible.
- Proposals for capital projects (e.g., buildings or building infrastructure) for environmental education purposes will not be considered in this category.
- Proposals to develop new curriculum will not be considered except to allow new modules within existing curriculum or updating curriculum to reflect current state of knowledge and art.

-- motion prevailed (4 Yes/1 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to include the following language in the ML 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) funding priorities under Category D (Energy):

- Funding for capital projects, including buildings or building infrastructure, will not be considered in this category.

-- motion prevailed (4 Yes/1 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	

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Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-
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MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to continue to include the following language in the ML 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) funding priorities under Category E (Fish and Wildlife):

- Standard control, removal, and maintenance activities of invasive species will not be considered.
- All research proposals related to invasive species research must consider the research priorities established by the University of Minnesota’s (UMN) Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center or Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. All UMN proposals and others should apply to the Centers when applicable. The Centers will keep the LCCMR updated on the status of proposals received.

-- motion prevailed (5 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	Excused	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

Commissioner Reese joined the meeting remotely.

MOTION: Commissioner Heintzeman moved to continue to include the following category for small projects in the ML 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) funding priorities with an increase in the threshold from \$250,000 to \$300,000:

- The LCCMR encourages proposals under \$300,000, especially from political subdivisions and non-profits, to quickly and efficiently provide environment and natural resource benefits in Minnesota. Proposals should address one or more of the priorities listed in the above categories A through F.

-- motion prevailed (6 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	



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Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt the ML 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) funding priorities, as presented in the document titled, “DRAFT (9/9/2024) - 2026 Funding Priorities”, and with the previously adopted changes, as a recommendation to the full commission.

-- motion prevailed (6 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

**8. Agenda Item 7 – Action: Evaluation Criteria**

Mr. Campana presented changes to the draft evaluation and selection criteria based on the previous meeting’s discussion. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to adopt the evaluation and selection criteria, as presented in the document titled, “DRAFT (9/13/2024) – Evaluation and Selection Criteria”.

-- motion prevailed (6 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	X	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	X	

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Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

**9. Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and Action: Measurable Outcomes of the Strategic Plan**

Mr. Campana presented member survey results and three options for measurable outcomes to include in the strategic plan based on the previous meeting’s discussion and the survey. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to adopt option #1, as presented in the document titled, “Measurable Outcomes Discussion Materials”, including the last two sentences from option #2.

Commissioner Hansen withdrew his motion.

Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to:

1. Adopt option #1, as presented in the document titled, “Measurable Outcomes Discussion Materials”, with the following changes:
  - Re-write the second metric to read, “Total number of proposals received and projects funded broken down by region.”
  - Delete the third metric.
2. Request staff provide additional options more closely related to how funding is meeting the constitutional purpose of the fund.

-- motion prevailed (5 Yes/1 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep		X
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

**10. Agenda Item 9 - Next Steps**

Mr. Campana walked through the next steps in the strategic planning process. Members discussed.

Members agreed to have one final strategic planning meeting before the November 13 full commission meeting to review final language for measurable outcomes.

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MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved that all adopted elements of the strategic plan – vision, mission statement, ENRTF goals and strategies, LCCMR goals and strategies, evaluation and selection criteria, and measurable outcomes – be recommended to the full commission and included in the draft strategic plan for consideration by the commission.

-- motion prevailed (5 Yes/0 No)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Commissioner Albrecht	X	
Commissioner Green – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Excused	
Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner McEwen – Sen (alternate)	X	
Commissioner Peichel (alternate)	Excused	-

**11. Agenda Item 10 - Public Testimony**

There was no public testimony.

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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