

Climate & Energy Subcommittee
Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 7, 2009
3:30 PM, Room 125, Capitol

Minutes

Present: Steve Betzler - Chair, Mark Johnson

Absent: Senator Ellen Anderson, Senator Kevin Dahle, Representative Denise Dittrich,
Representative Kent Eken, Representative Carlos Mariani, Gene Merriam

Steve Betzler called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

Review of Charge to Subcommittee

Steve Betzler reviewed the charge of the Subcommittee.
Subcommittee discussion followed.

Background Information and Presentation by DNR Staff

Mark Lindquist, Department of Natural Resources, presented background information on current climate and energy issues including: wind energy leasing, carbon credits, and biomass.
Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

The agenda for the next Subcommittee meeting will include:

Wind energy - an identification of school trust land near existing wind energy developments in the State.

Carbon credits - invite Aitkin County Land Commissioner or staff to present Aitkin county's preliminary assessment of forest management/carbon credit opportunities.

Biomass - continue to monitor DNR/MFRC state bioenergy strategy development effort and meet jointly with the Forest Management subcommittee to coordinate biomass recommendations.

Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule

The whole Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee plans to meet on June 18, 2009. The Subcommittee decided to meet again on June 18, 2009 after the whole Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee meets.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Steve Betzler, Chair