

**Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee
January 21, 2011
State Office Building – Basement Hearing Room**

Minutes

Present: Representative Sondra Erickson (Acting Chair), Senator Claire Robling, Senator Gen Olson, Ron Nargang, Robert Krepps, Steve Betzler, John Herman, Representative Debra Kiel (*possible future designee of Representative Sondra Erickson*)

Also Present: Ed Werner (Senate staff), Shannon Patrick (House staff), Carmen Carter (House staff), Judy Donovan, Michael McDonough (LCCMR), DNR staff: Marty Vadis, Dave Epperly, Dave Schuller, Dan Roark

Absent: Patty Phillips, Mark Johnson, Joe Silko, Grace Kelliher, Gene Merriam, Representative Denny McNamara, Representative Mary Liz Holberg, Representative Pat Garofalo, Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen (Ed Werner attended for Senator Ingebrigtsen), Commissioner Brenda Cassellius

Representative Sondra Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM, January 21, 2011 in the Basement Hearing Room.

Committee members introduced themselves.

Minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting

The Committee discussed the election of a chair. A quorum was not present, minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting were not approved, and no election was held. There are sixteen voting members on the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee. Appointment of new members is necessary before the February meeting.

Representative Erickson noted that Representative Kiel will be her designee at future meetings.

Subcommittee Reports

Steve Betzler and Robert Krepps, Forest Management and Climate & Energy Subcommittee, reported on past meeting topics and future topics for discussion.

Ron Nargang, Sale & Exchange and BWCAW Subcommittee, reported on past meeting topics and that the BWCAW exchange and sale continued to progress. The Committee discussed the Resolution passed by the 2010 Legislature regarding the sale and exchange of the BWCAW. The Committee discussed the details of the exchange and sale and recognized that both state and federal legislation would be needed. Nargang suggested that the Advisory Committee contact Congressman John Kline, Congressman Collin Peterson and Jim Sanders, Superior National Forest Supervisor, in regard to this sale and exchange.

Future meeting topics and schedule

Future meeting topic: Permanent School Trust Land 101 by DNR and others.

Next meeting: February 25, 2011, at 10:00 AM, Basement Hearing Room.

Representative Erickson adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Charge of the PSFAC:

The Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee shall review the policies of the Department of Natural Resources and current statutes on management of school trust fun lands at least annually and shall recommend the necessary changes in statutes, policy, and implementation in order to ensure provident utilization of the permanent school fund lands. (Minnesota Statutes § 127A.30, Subd. 2)

Representative Sondra Erickson, Acting Chair