

Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee
Monday, July 12, 2010
10:00 AM, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building

Minutes

Present: Representative Denise Dittrich, Chair, Senator Ellen R. Anderson, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Charles W. Wiger, Representative Kent Eken, Gene Merriam, Ron Nargang, Robert Krepps, Joe Silko, Grace Kelliher, Steve Betzler

Absent: Senator Kevin Dahle, Senator Satveer S. Chaudhary, Representative Carlos Mariani, Representative Loren Solberg, Representative Jean Wagenius, Patty Phillips, Alice Seagren, Mark Johnson, John Herman

Representative Denise Dittrich called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approved minutes from March 16, 2010 meeting

Meeting minutes from March 16, 2010 meeting were distributed to committee members and approved.

Obligations and Responsibilities to the School Trust Presentation

Carla Heyl, Attorney General's Office, presented on the fiduciary obligations of the state with regard to the school trust.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

Permanent School Fund Financial Report Presentation

Kristy Swanson, Minnesota Management & Budget, presented on the flow of money and management of the permanent school fund.

Howard Bicker, State Board of Investment, presented on the management and investment of the permanent school fund.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

2010 Legislative Session Recap

Tim Strom, House of Representatives – Research Department, presented on the school trust related legislation that was proposed in the 2010 Session, whether enacted or not.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

DNR Land Exchange Review

Kathy Lewis and Kate Giel, DNR, presented information on two proposed exchanges of school trust lands. Committee discussion and questions followed. The Committee requested that additional information be provided and did not approve either exchange.

DNR Presentation

Marty Vadis, Bob Meier, and Dan Roark, DNR, updated the Committee on recent school trust lands activities including: 1.) BWCAW Exchange; 2.) Status of DNR progress on preparing information regarding school trust lands that was required by 2010 Legislation; 3.) Development of the St. Mary's Lake school trust parcel; 4.) Minerals Management; and 5.) Aggregate Leasing.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

Discussion of future meeting topics and schedule

The next meeting will be held in August 2010. At this meeting will be discussed the July 15, 2010 information submission from the DNR, additional information on the DNR exchanges proposed at this meeting, and the creation of an independent agency to manage the school trust lands. It was requested that the DNR complete its presentation regarding forest management that was first presented at the December 10, 2009 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Representative Denise Dittrich, Chair