

Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee
Monday, November 15, 2010
10:00 AM, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building

Minutes

Present: Representative Denise Dittrich, Chair, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Charles W. Wiger, Representative Jean Wagenius, Ron Nargang, Joe Silko, Grace Kelliher, Robert Krepps, Mark Johnson

Absent: Senator Ellen R. Anderson, Senator Kevin Dahle, Senator Satveer S. Chaudhary, Representative Kent Eken, Representative Carlos Mariani, Representative Loren Solberg, Patty Phillips, Alice Seagren, John Herman, Steve Betzler, Gene Merriam

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

Minutes from the August 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010 meetings

Meeting minutes from the August 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010 meetings 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. Ms. Heyl responded to questions regarding the constitutional provisions related to the school trust.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

DNR Management Report – Requested information

Dan Roark, DNR, presented the additional information requested by the Committee in relation to the report required under Laws of Minnesota 2010, Chapter 361, Article 4, Section 70(a). The additional information presented included: surface lease valuation, revision of some charts in the report, addition of constitutional references, and SNA buy-out appropriation requests.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

Minerals Management

Marty Vadis, DNR, presented on minerals management. This presentation included information regarding state iron ore mineral revenues and the economic status of the iron ore markets. The

exploration for and potential development of metallic minerals was also discussed. The minerals management account was also discussed.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

Subcommittee Updates

Ron Nargang, Sale & Exchange and BWCAW Subcommittee, reported that the BWCAW exchange and sale continued to progress.

Bob Krepps, Forest Management and Climate and Energy Subcommittee, reported that they had a meeting focused on biomass availability in the state and plan to meet in the future to discuss forest and/or cost certification.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

Legislative Items

Representative Dittrich asked the members to come to the next meeting with ideas for 2011 legislation.

Discussion of future meeting topics and schedule

Dates for the next meeting were suggested. It was agreed that the next meeting would held on December 8, 2010. Future agenda items include: forest certification and forest management cost certification.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Representative Denise Dittrich, Chair