

**Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
State Office Building –Room 200**

**Minutes**

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**Present:** Carol McFarlane (Chair), John Carlson, Keith Downey, Denise Dittrich, Daron Korte, John Herman, Grace Keliher, Gene Merriam, Ron Nargang, Claire Robling, Joe Silko

**Absent:** Steve Betzler, Mark Johnson, Robert Krepps, Denny McNamara, Gen Olson, Patty Phillips

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Chair Carol McFarlane called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM, December 9th, 2011 in Room 200.

**Minutes**

A quorum was present and Claire Robling moved that the minutes from the meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, be adopted. Ron Nargang moved that the minutes be amended to show that he was present at the November meeting. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE MINUTES, AS AMENDED, WERE ADOPTED.**

**BWCA**

Dan Roark and Bob Meier (DNR) gave an update on the BWCA land exchange. They presented that parcels have been identified.

**DNR School Trust Administrator Position**

Mary McConnell (DNR) gave an explanation and overview of the operational order to create a new DNR position to manage the School Trust Lands. McConnell gave a description of the position, its responsibilities, and its authority.

## **Legislation**

The committee reviewed pending legislation from the 2011 session. Bob Meier spoke about legislation from the DNR that would affect School Trust Land.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 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 fund 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)*

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Representative Carol McFarlane, Chair

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