

ENRTF Community Grant Program advisory council inaugural meeting agenda

Meeting date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Meeting details

Member arrival/sign-on and logistics	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Formal public meeting	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Format	Hybrid
Advisory council member meeting access	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources St. Paul Central Office and virtual via Microsoft Teams (links and in-person location details to be shared via email)
Public meeting access	Virtual only. Link and meeting materials to be posted on the ENRTF Community Grant Program Webpage .

Meeting purpose

The first advisory council meeting is intended to welcome members, provide a shared understanding of the ENRTF Community Grant Program, explain the advisory council's role, and prepare members to provide informed input as the inaugural funding opportunity is developed.

This meeting is primarily an orientation meeting. Members will not be asked to approve the program or make final decisions about the first funding opportunity.

The period from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. is reserved for member arrival, technology setup and informal introductions. The formal public meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting agenda

Time	Agenda item	Lead
1:00–1:30 p.m.	Arrival, technology setup and informal welcome	DNR staff
1:30–1:40 p.m.	Call to order, introductions and meeting overview	Interim chair

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1:40–1:50 p.m.	Welcome from DNR leadership	DNR leadership
1:50–2:15 p.m.	Community Grant Program overview and current program design status	Katherine Sherman-Hoehn and Gwendolyn Tweed
2:15–2:40 p.m.	advisory council role, responsibilities and public meeting expectations	Gwendolyn Tweed
2:40–2:55 p.m.	Optional break and informal networking	
2:55–3:25 p.m.	Technical design overview and advisory council co-design process	Gwendolyn Tweed
3:25–3:45 p.m.	Initial discussion and member questions	Interim chair
3:45–3:55 p.m.	Next steps, advisory council co-design survey and upcoming work	Gwendolyn Tweed
3:55–4:00 p.m.	Closing remarks and adjournment	Interim chair

Following the meeting

- A co-design survey to gather individual recommendations on the inaugural funding opportunity.
- Information about the next advisory council meeting.
- Additional program materials as technical design continues.

Community Grant Program staff will synthesize advisory council input together with technical and program expertise to prepare the first draft of the inaugural funding opportunity for future advisory council.