

Meeting Minutes

Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program

Date: 4/5/2021
Minutes prepared by: Marcia Nieman
Location: Due to Executive Order 20-20, the Coastal Council met via [Microsoft TEAMS](#).
Approved: June 21, 2021

Attendance

- Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program Members: Bill Majewski, Barb Liukkonen, Dan Belden, Sophia Green, Jim Ericson, Matthew Brown, Ellen O'Neill, Dick Brenner, Don Schreiner, and Peder Otterson.
- Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program Staff: Amber Westerbur, Clinton Little, Cynthia Poyhonen, Julie McDonnell, Melanie Perello, and Marcia Nieman

Decisions Made

- MOTION by Otterson to accept the April 5, 2021, agenda, Seconded by Liukkonen. AFFIRMATIVE AII. MOTION ADOPTED.
- MOTION by O'Neill to accept the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes as written, Seconded by Belden. AFFIRMATIVE AII. MOTION ADOPTED.
- Adjourned at 4:45 pm

Agenda

- Call to Order-Roll Call, Adoption of the Agenda, Introduce Microsoft TEAMS meeting platform
- March 2021 STAR Grant Review
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Grant Making, part 2
- Closing Thoughts

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

Majewski called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Majewski conducted a roll call of members. The minutes and agenda were voted on and approved (roll call).

March 2021 STAR Grant Review

Poyhonen went over the process for the review. She noted that if there is a conflict of interest by anyone, the Council decides the possible course of action: (1) the member can fully participate in discussion and scoring; (2) member can only answer pointed questions asked by others; and (3) member cannot discuss or score that application.

Majewski facilitated the discussion and scoring of the March 2021 STAR grant applications.

01 – South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, 215 North 1st Avenue East, Room 301 Duluth MN 55802, \$10,000. No conflicts of interest. Application discussion.

02 – Grand Lake Township, 5797 Highway 53, Twig, MN 55779, \$7,000. No conflicts of interest. Application discussion.

03 – Regents of the University of Minnesota, 450 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. SE Minneapolis MN 55455-2070, \$9,801. No conflicts of interest. Application discussion.

04 – City of Duluth, 411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802, \$7,241. No conflicts of interest. Application discussion.

05 – Cook County/Grand Marais Economic Development Authority, 15 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 597, Grand Marais, MN 55604, \$10,000. No conflicts of interest. Application discussion.

06 – Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, 408 First Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616, \$10,000. No conflicts of interest. Application discussion.

Application	Applicant	Weighted Total	Grant Requested	Rank
1	South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District	83.91	\$10,000	3
2	Grand Lake Township	65.91	\$7,000	
3	Regents of the University of Minnesota	89.09	\$9,801	1
4	City of Duluth	88.09	\$7,241	2
5	Cook County/Grand Marais Economic Development Authority	83.00	\$10,000	4
6	Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District	79.73	\$10,000	5

Projects ranked above 70% will be recommended to the Commissioner for funding.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Grant Making, part 2

Staff and council continued the exploration of diversity, equity and inclusion in the program's grant making process. Westerbur went over some of the highlights of the March 31, 2021 Special Meeting and acknowledged the meeting accomplishments. Westerbur also solicited feedback on potential actions/next steps using advance reading as a guide. She posed two questions: (1) what is one thing you think we could consider changing to better incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into our grantmaking; and (2) what is one element of our grant process that is serving us well in this area. There was great discussion. Perello captured notes/comments on the [Jamboard](#) (PDF version available upon request).

Closing

Members and staff shared closing thoughts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

Reminders

Links shared in the chat during the meeting:

- ARDC Coastal Erosion Hazard Mapping (CEHM) project <https://ardc.org/cehm/>
- Coastal Hazards of Superior (CHAOS) Community of Practice <https://seagrant.umn.edu/programs/community-resilience-program/lake-superior-coastal-hazards>
- CHAOS Meeting on April 15, 10 – 11:30 am <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvceuhrjkrHtDM0sZCbXnLtEWDMRjNloj0>
- Climate Conversations recording on Park Point erosion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wa3tkqP-VqM>
- Anton Treuer is a writer recommended by Peder Otterson

Next Regular Meeting

Date: June 21, 2021

Time: Tentatively 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Lake County (if safe to do so)