

Special Meeting Minutes

Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program

Date: 10/22/19
 Minutes prepared by: Marcia Nieman
 Location: MN DNR - Two Harbors Area Office, Two Harbors, Minnesota

Attendance

- Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program Members: Bill Majewski, Jo Thompson, Dan Belden, Rick Goutermont, MaryAnn Sironen, Bob Larkin, and Don Schreiner
- Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program Staff: Amber Westerbur, Clinton Little, Cynthia Poyhonen, Julie McDonnell, Melanie Perello, and Marcia Nieman

Decisions Made

- MOTION by Larkin to accept the October 22, 2019 agenda, Seconded by Belden. AFFIRMATIVE All. MOTION ADOPTED.
- MOTION by Larkin to accept the June 21, 2019 meeting minutes as written. AFFIRMATIVE All. MOTION ADOPTED.
- MOTION by Belden to recommend funding the seven submitted project that ranked above 70%. Seconded by Larkin. AFFIRMATIVE All. MOTION ADOPTED.

Application	Applicant	Weighted Total	Grant Request	Rank
4	City of Rice Lake	85.71	\$10,000	1
6	Cook County SWCD	85.43	\$8,930	2
1	Cook County SWCD	84.88	\$10,000	3
7	North Shore Scenic Drive Council	84.00	\$8,000	4
5	Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System	80.29	\$10,000	5
3	Regents of the University of Minnesota	77.85	\$10,000	6
2	Regents of the University of Minnesota	71.00	\$10,000	7

- MOTION by Sironen to adjourn, Seconded by Thompson. AFFIRMATIVE ALL – Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday and Friday, January 23 & 24, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: MPCA Large Conference Room, Duluth, MN

Agenda

- Opening - Call to Order, Adoption of the Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Public Comment
- STAR Grant Review and Recommendations

Meeting Notes

Opening

Majewski called meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members voted to approve agenda and minutes. No public comment. Introductions: Westerbur introduced Melanie Perello, the Coastal Program's new Coastal Management Fellow. Brief introductions of the Coastal Council to Melanie followed.

STAR Grant Application Review and Recommendations

Westerbur set the stage and clarified the parameters of the review. McDonnell will do the application overview, Perello and Poyhonen will take care of scoring, and Little will collect scoring sheets. Attendees declared conflicts of interest before review. Little has conflicts on both application 04 and 05. Course of action: Little, who does not score, could stay in the room and answer questions on applications 04 and 05 if asked.

- 01 – Cook County SWCD, 411 West 2nd Street, Grand Marais, MN 55604 - \$10,000. Application discussion. Scoring sheets collected following the discussion.
- 02 – Regents of the University of MN, 450 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070 - \$10,000. Application discussion. Scoring sheets collected following discussion.
- 03 – Regents of the University of MN, 450 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070 - \$10,000. Application discussion. Scoring sheets collected following discussion.
- 04 – City of Rice Lake, 4107 West Beyer Road, Duluth, MN 55803 - \$10,000. Conflict of Interest by Little. Application discussion. Scoring sheets collected following discussion.
- 05 – Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System, 5690 Miller Trunk Highway, Duluth, MN 55811 - \$10,000. Conflict of Interest by Little. Application discussion. Scoring sheets collected following discussion.
- 06 – Cook County SWCD, 411 West 2nd Street, Grand Marais, MN 55604 - \$8,930. Application discussion. Scoring sheets collected following discussion.
- 07 – North Shore Scenic Drive Council, 221 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802 - \$8,000. Application discussion. Scoring sheets collected following discussion.

Perello/Poyhonen presented the scoring results. Majewski called for a vote.

Additional Discussion – Managers Report

Westerbur went over the latest news concerning Coastal Council appointments. The Commissioner's Office has requested meaningful efforts to recruit a more diverse pool of applicants. Westerbur has been working closely with DNR colleagues to reach individuals from the Fond du Lac and Grand Portage Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa and people of color in the Duluth area. She will follow-up with the Commissioner's Office on outcomes at the end of October/early November. Members should expect to review Annual and STAR grant applications in January.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.