

## Meeting Minutes

### Governor’s Council on Minnesota’s Coastal Program

Date: 1/24/2020  
 Minutes prepared by: Marcia Nieman  
 Location: MPCA, Large Conference Rood, Duluth, Minnesota

#### Attendance

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- Governor’s Council on Minnesota’s Coastal Program Members: Bill Majewski, Jo Thompson, Dan Belden, Keck Melby, MaryAnn Sironen, Dick Brenner, and Don Schreiner
- Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program Staff: Clinton Little, Cynthia Poyhonen, Julie McDonnell, Melanie Perello, and Marcia Nieman
- Members of the Public (potential new Council Members): Barb Liukkonen, Peder Otterson, Michelle Lee, Jim Ericson
- MN DNR – EWR Northeast Regional Director, Darrell Schindler

#### Decisions Made

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- MOTION by Belden to accept the January 24, 2020 agenda, Seconded by Sironen. AFFIRMATIVE ALL. MOTION ADOPTED.
- MOTION by Belden to accept the October 22, 2019 meeting minutes as written, Seconded by Brenner. AFFIRMATIVE ALL. MOTION ADOPTED.
- MOTION by Thompson to recommend funding the two of the three annual grant submitted projects that ranked above 70%. Seconded by Melby. AFFIRMATIVE ALL. MOTION ADOPTED.

Application	Applicant	Weighted Total	Grant Request	Rank
1	Cook County SWCD	88.00	71,965	1
2	Lake Superior Center	86.63	98,950	2
3	Regents of the University of Minnesota	56.75	75,690	3

- MOTION by Schreiner to put aside \$100,000 to STAR Grant funding, Seconded by Melby. AFFIRMATIVE ALL. MOTION ADOPTED
- MOTION by Thompson to recommend funding the three STAR submitted project that ranked above 70%. Seconded by Sironen. AFFIRMATIVE ALL. MOTION ADOPTED.

Application	Applicant	Weighted Total	Grant Request	Rank
2	River Quest	98.50	7,500	1
1	South St. Louis SWCD	88.38	10,000	2
3	Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	79.50	10,000	3

- MOTION by Melby to adjourn, Seconded by Thompson. AFFIRMATIVE ALL – Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

## Next Meeting

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Date: Friday March 27, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: TBD – Lake County, MN

## Agenda

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- Opening - Call to Order, Adoption of the Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Public Comment
- Introductions
- Program Updates
- Coastal Hazards
- Annual Grant Review
- 2020 Funding Recommendations
- STAR Grant Review and Recommendations
- Next Steps

## Meeting Notes

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### Opening

Majewski called meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members voted to approve agenda and minutes. No public comment.

### Introductions

Introductions were made of the potential new council members: Barb Liukkonen, Peder Otterson, Michelle Lee, Jim Ericson, introduced themselves and staff and the council introduced themselves.

MN DNR – EWR Northeast Regional Director, Darrell Schindler was also present and he introduced himself.

## Program Updates

- Clinton Little gave an update on Amber Westerbur's status as she has been out on medical leave.
- Melanie Perello gave an update on the new council member appointments.
- Cynthia Poyhonen went over information on grant project/funding buckets

## Coastal Hazards

Staff presented updates on three ongoing Coastal Hazard projects.

- Highs and Lows Conference Recap
- Fellowship Update
- Protecting Lives and Property at Coastal Public Access Sites

## Annual Grant Review

Chair will facilitate the discussion, scoring and ranking of the 2020 Annual grant applications. Perello and Melby have a conflict of interest on application 01. It was decided that Melby not discuss or score on the application and Perello can comment and answer technical questions if they arise.

- 01- Cook Soil and Water Conservation District; 411 West 2nd Street; Grand Marais MN 55604; \$71,965.00
- 02- Lake Superior Center; 353 Harbor Drive; Duluth MN 55802; \$98,950.00
- 03- Regents of the University of Minnesota; 200 Oak Street SE, McNamara Alumni Center, Suite 450; Minneapolis MN 55455-2070; \$75,690.00

## 2020 Funding Recommendations

A vote was taken on the 2020 STAR Grant funding level recommendations.

## STAR Grant Application Review and Recommendations

Majewski will facilitated the discussion, scoring and ranking of the January 1 STAR grant applications:

- 01- South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District; 215 North 1st Avenue East, Room 301 Duluth MN 55802; \$10,000
- 02- St. Louis River Quest; 2305 West Superior Street, Duluth MN 55806; \$7,500
- 03- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission; 221 West First Street, Duluth MN 55812; \$10,000

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

## Next Steps

- 2020 Cooperative Agreement Development
  - Poyhonen discussed some ideas that are in the works for the 2020 Cooperative Agreement.
- Orientation for new Council Members
  - Perello discussed the orientation booklet and training she is setting up for the new council appointments

## Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.