

## Final Meeting Minutes

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

Date: 4/8/2020  
 Minutes prepared by: Marcia Nieman  
 Location: Due to Executive Order 20-20, the Coastal Council met via telephone.

#### Attendance

- Governor’s Council on Minnesota’s Coastal Program Members: Bill Majewski, Janice Erickson, Rick Goutermont, Barb Liukkonen, Peder Otterson, Dan Belden, Dick Brenner, Sharon Erickson-Ropes, Sophia Green, Jim Ericson, Ellen O’Neill, and Don Schreiner
- Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program Staff: Amber Westerbur, Clinton Little, Cynthia Poyhonen, Julie McDonnell, Melanie Perello, and Marcia Nieman
- Members of the Public: Paul von Goertz

#### Decisions Made

- MOTION by Liukkonen to accept the April 8, 2020 agenda, Seconded by O’Neill. Friendly amendment to change agenda to have Application #2 Knife River Heritage & Cultural Center discussed first. AFFIRMATIVE All. MOTION ADOPTED.
- MOTION by Goutermont to accept the January 24, 2020 meeting minutes as written, Seconded by Belden. AFFIRMATIVE All. Liukkonen abstained. MOTION ADOPTED.
- MOTION by Brenner to recommend funding the STAR projects that ranked above 70%. Seconded by Liukkonen. AFFIRMATIVE All. MOTION ADOPTED.

Application	Applicant	Weighted Total	Grant Request	Rank
6	St. Louis River Alliance	87.00	9,982	1
5	Lake Soil & Water Conservation District	85.08	5,000	2
2	Knife River Heritage & Cultural Center	84.92	10,000	3
3	City of Carlton	84.25	2,000	4
4	Carlton Soil & Water Conservation District	84.17	6,028	5
1	Superior Hiking Trail	71.67	10,000	6

Application	Applicant	Weighted Total	Grant Request	Rank
7	Town of Thompson	61.82	10,000	

- MOTION by Brenner to adjourn, Seconded by Liukkonen. AFFIRMATIVE ALL – Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

## Next Meeting

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Date: June 26, 2020

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

## Agenda

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- Call to Order, Adoption of the Agenda
- Council Business - Approval of Minutes, Introductions, and Appointment to the Grants Committee
- STAR Grant Review and Recommendations
- Meeting Adjournment

## Meeting Notes

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### Call to Order

Majewski called meeting to order at 9:02 am. Majewski conducted a rollcall of members, asking that each share a question they had about either the Coastal Program or the Coastal Council. Staff, as well as Paul von Geortz (Knife River Heritage and Cultural Center) introduced themselves. Members voted (rollcall) on the agenda and changed it slightly to have Application 2 discussed first.

### Council Business

The minutes were voted on and approved (rollcall). Majewski appointed a new Grants Committee. Members include Don Schreiner, Barb Liukkonen, Jim Ericson, and Matthew Brown.

### STAR Grant Application Review and Recommendations

Majewski facilitated the discussion, scoring and ranking of the March 1 STAR grant applications starting with application 02 first, then going back to application 01, as per the voted upon updated agenda:

02 – Knife River Heritage & Cultural Center, P.O. Box 240, Knife River, MN 55609, \$10,000. Goutermont disclosed a perceived conflict of interest. Course of action discussion. The council decided that he did not have a conflict of interest and he could score the application. He needed to leave the meeting so there was no participation on discussion. Application discussion.

01 – Superior Hiking Trail, 731 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 2, Two Harbors, MN 55616, \$10,000. Liukkonen disclosed a perceived conflict of interest. Course of action discussion. The council decided that she did not have a conflict of interest; she could fully participate in the discussion and score the application. Application discussion.

03 – City of Carlton, 310 Chestnut Avenue, Carlton, MN 55718, \$2,000. No member conflict of interests. Application discussion.

04 – Carlton Soil & Water Conservation District, 808 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Carlton, MN 55718, \$6,028. No member conflict of interest. Application discussion.

05 – Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District, 408 First Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616, \$5,000. Liukkonen disclosed a perceived conflict of interest. Course of action discussion. The council decided that she did not have a conflict of interest; she could fully participate in the discussion and score the application. Application discussion.

06 – St. Louis River Alliance, 394 Lake Avenue South, Suite 208, Duluth, MN 55802, \$9,982. Majewski and Liukkonen disclosed conflicts of interest. Course of action discussion. Majewski self-selected to not score or participate in the discussion. The council decided that Liukkonen did not have a conflict of interest; she could fully participate in the discussion and score the application. Application discussion.

07 – Town of Thompson, 25 East Harney Road, Esko, MN 55733, \$10,000. No member conflict of interest. Application discussion.

Rollcall vote to recommend funding the STAR projects that ranked above 70%. Westerbur reminded members to complete the survey to finalize their scores, verify destruction of materials and count volunteer hours.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.