



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes June 1, 2022
Duluth City Hall, Conference Room 330

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Krumweide called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Brandon Krumwiede, Judy Gibbs, John Lindgren, Nancy Schuldt, Allison Ray

Not Present: Mike Schrage, Tiffany Sprague

Councilors Present: Terese Tomanek

Staff present: Jim Filby-Williams, Kate Kubiak

Members of the Public: Louise Levy, Shawna Mullen, Barb Huberty, Martha Minchak, James Gittemeier

III. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Ray made a motion to move public comment up on the agenda – before Old Business. Commissioner Lindgren seconded.

Unanimously Approved.

IV. Approval of the April 6 Meeting Minutes

Nancy Schuldt's name to be corrected.

Commissioner Schuldt made a motion to approve the April 6 meeting minutes with correction; second by Commissioner Ray.

Unanimously Approved.

V. Public Comment

- Louis Levy – Levy Tree Care – noted that a public sign in sheet should be available. Requested that the NRC consider amending the EAB Plan to allow some ash, especially in Central Hillside, be injected for the purposes of preservation.
- Shawna Mullen – We Walk Duluth – Commented on two upcoming street reconstruction projects (County and MNDOT-led). Expressed concern that trees and other vegetation would not be included as part of the design. Requested NRC to advocate for green infrastructure as relating to road construction projects. Requested the NRC write a letter supporting the inclusion of green infrastructure in road projects.
- Louis Levy – Levy Tree Care – Commented on RFP that was recently released for tree thinning on City Land. Noted that language regarding the need to protect nearby trees should be included in the contract.

VI. Old Business

A.) Final Goose Management Plan

Kubiak provided a summary of changes made to the Draft Plan. Noted that all suggestions from Commissioners during the draft plan review were incorporated into the Final Plan.

Commissioner Lindgren made a motion to approve the Final Goose Management Plan; second by Commissioner Ray.

Unanimously Approved.

Barb Huberty asked about the next steps for the Goose Management Plan. Kubiak responded that it is schedule to go to Council for approval on June 13. Martha Minchak, Asst. DNR Wildlife Manager, explained some additional processes on the MN DNR side.

VII. New Business

A.) Cancellation of July meeting



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Kubiak noted the meeting's proximity to Independence Day as a reason for cancellation.

Commissioner Schuldt made a motion to cancel the July meeting; second by Commissioner Ray. Unanimously approved.

B.) Update on applications for vacant commissioner seat

Kubiak noted that with Brian Fredrickson's resignation, there are two open seats. She and Jim Filby-Williams have a meeting scheduled with a potential applicant next week. Three Commissioners' terms will expire in August. Discussion followed regarding the process of soliciting new members. Commissioner Lindgren noted that Tribal representation and diversity should be considered when appointing new commissioners.

VIII. Staff Reports

Kubiak provided a verbal report regarding her current priorities. An application was submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for stream restoration work at Enger Golf Course (Buckingham Creek). A presentation on this project will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

Filby-Williams had nothing to report.

Clark will be present to give an in-person report at the September NRC meeting.

IX. Announcements

No announcements.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Lindgren made a motion to adjourn; second by Commissioner Schuldt. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m., Rm 330.