



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes August 3, 2022

Duluth City Hall, Conference Room 330

I. Call to Order

Chair Schrage called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Judy Gibbs, Sophia Green, Brandon Krumweide, John Lindgren, Mike Schrage, Nancy Schuldt

Not Present: Allison Ray, Tiffany Sprague

III. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Krumweide made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Schuldt seconded. Unanimously Approved.

IV. Approval of the June 1 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Lindgren made a motion to approve the June 1 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Krumweide. Unanimously Approved.

V. Old Business

No Old Business.

VI. New Business

A.) Officer Nominations

Krumweide is resigning, and this August meeting will be his final meeting. Schrage commented that there are two open seats, and that the Chair and Vice Chair positions are open for nominations. Discussion followed regarding the time commitment involved in an officer position on the Commission. The nominations to be put forward at the September 7, 2022 meeting include Lindgren for Chair, Schuldt for Vice Chair, and Gibbs for Secretary.

B.) Upcoming Tischer Creek Planning Projects [Kate Kubiak]

Kubiak provided a presentation to summarize the planning projects that are in progress for Tischer Creek. The collaborative projects involve the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, City of Duluth, City of Rice Lake, and the Hartley Nature Center. The plans are in development and will be presented to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) in March and October 2023.

C.) Future Natural Resources Funding – Parks and Recreation Proposed Levy Increase [Jim Filby Williams]

Filby Williams provided information about the proposed Parks and Recreation Levy Increase including the timeline for the referendum and funding implications for the Natural Resources Management Program Plan (NRMPP).



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VII. Staff Reports

Kubiak provided a verbal report regarding her current priorities. The Public Lands Transfer is moving forward and on schedule to be complete by the end of the year. The second annual NRMPP meeting will be held this fall and results will be shared in the December meeting. The Goose Management plan continues to be a topic of discussion with the DNR and will likely move to City Council by the end of the year.

Filby Williams commented that the Minnesota Land Trust annual event will be held in Duluth on October 29. The City is still moving forward with the purchase of lands near Forest Hill and portions of the Tischer Creek watershed.

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

VIII. Public Comment

Betty Greene – expressed appreciation to the Commission for the Public Lands Transfer progress and resources protection associated with the land transfers.

IX. Announcements

No announcements.

X. Adjournment

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

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Duluth City Hall, Conference Room 330.