Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2015

Members Present:

Senator Ruud, Chair Representative Newton, Vice Chair Representative O'Driscoll

Members Excused:

Representative Kiel Representative Lueck Representative Slocum Representative Metsa Senator Hoffman Senator Pratt Senator Saxhaug Senator Weber Senator Wiger

Senator Ruud called the meeting of the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission to order at 9:06 am on Monday, March 9, 2015 in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building.

A quorum was not present.

Representative O'Driscoll presented an overview of HF 887: unclaimed lottery prize money dedicated for acquisition of school trust lands, condemnation of school trust lands to be acquired provided, and money appropriated.

Tim Strom, House Research, addressed Commission members' questions regarding unclaimed lottery funds.

Senator Ruud presented an overview of SF 1035: school trust land condemnation, department of natural resources (DNR) acquisition, appropriation and bond issues.

Representative O'Driscoll gave an update on HF 1096, the companion bill to SF 1035, on behalf of Representative Lueck.

Aaron Vande Linde, Department of Natural Resources, and Craig Schmidt, Department of Natural Resources, reviewed the recommendations from the 1998 Office of the Legislative Auditor's School Trust Land Program Evaluation Report and DNR actions to address those recommendations.

Aaron Vande Linde, Department of Natural Resources, gave an overview on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in regards to Laws of Minnesota 2010 - Resolution #1, hybrid land exchange land sale, and 2012 legislation to expedite the process. The topic of Best Management Practices from Western states' School Trust Land Departments was deferred to a future meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building at 9:00 am on Monday March 23, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.