Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Dale Lueck, Chair

Sen. Jerry Newton, Vice Chair

Rep. Sandy Layman

Rep. Julie Sandstede

Sen. Carrie Ruud

Sen. John Hoffman

EXCUSED:

Sen. Greg Clausen

Rep. Mary Kunesh-Podein

Sen. Justin Eichorn

Rep. Tim O'Driscoll

Sen. Eric Pratt

Rep. Linda Slocum

Rep. Lueck called the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission to order at 8:44 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 in the Executive Conference Room of the AmericInn Lodge and Suites (5480 Mountain Iron Drive, Mountain Iron, MN). A quorum was not present.

Sen. Newton moved to approve the Minutes from February 13, 2017 and February 27, 2017.

Motion carried.

Bob Meier, Policy and Government Relations Director, DNR, Trina Zieman, DNR Land Asset Manager, and Aaron VandeLinde, School Trust Lands Director provided testimony on School Trust land exchanges and Surplus Land Sales for the School Trust Lands account.

Bob Meier and Trina Zieman provided testimony on the DNR's School Trust Land's valuation report.

Rep. Lueck moved to draft and send a letter to Governor Mark Dayton urging he support bonding and legislation regarding School Trust Lands sale/compensation.

Motion carried.

Director, Aaron VandeLinde provided testimony on the BWCA land exchange.

Senator Newton moved to draft and send a letter to the US Forest Service supporting FY19 funding for the BWCA land exchange.

Motion carried.

Member consensus was reached regarding the LPSFC submitting formal comments on the US Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the BWCA trust land exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.