

Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Dale Lueck, Chair
Sen. Jerry Newton, Vice Chair
Sen. Justin Eichorn
Sen. John Hoffman
Rep. Mary Kunesh-Podein

EXCUSED:

Sen. Greg Clausen
Rep. Sandy Layman
Rep. Tim O'Driscoll
Sen. Eric Pratt
Sen. Carrie Ruud
Rep. Julie Sandstede
Rep. Linda Slocum

Representative Lueck call the Legislative Permanent School Trust Fund meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in Hearing Room 10 of the State Office Building. A quorum was not present.

Commission members who attended the Western State Land Commission Association Conference & Advocates for School Trust Lands Conference (July 2018) provided their comments.

Craig Schmid, Deputy Director of Forestry from the DNR reported on annual DNR forestry revenue and expenditures.

2019-2020 Legislative initiatives were presented:

1. 16A.125 administrative modifications (presented by Aaron VandeLinde, Director and Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner).
 - a. Submittal of Cost Certification report to PSFC
 - b. Clarify order of recapturing costs
 - c. Redirect admin costs to a School Trust reforestation account vice the general fund
2. Funding source options to satisfy cost condemnation of non-revenue producing trust parcels. (Modify MN Statutes Section 16A.152)
 - a. Annual fund sweep to a working account similar to how the budget reserve account is funded with an annual sweep cap, and total amount to be swept.
 - b. One time sweep for total required transferred to a working account.
 - c. One time sweep, with some going to corpus, some going as one-time disbursement to

schools

3. 127A.30 modifications PSFC authority and operations
 - a. No less than every quarter - meeting requirement
 - b. Mandatory referral of all bills impacting trust lands to PSFC for a review and recommendation
 - c. Formal policy and finance charter
 - d. Formal PSFC biennium budget request via State Gov. Finance
4. Defining what constitutes the “CORPUS” of the Permanent School Fund provided by Aaron Vande Linde.
5. Office School Trust Lands Staffing – dedicated financial staff.

Future PSFC meeting agenda items - after new members are seated

DNR School Trust Compensation Report (MN Statute 84.027 subd. 18(b))

MAD report

OLA report

BWCAW support letter.

Next commission meeting - Jan 2019 after 2019-2020 PLSFC members are appointed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.