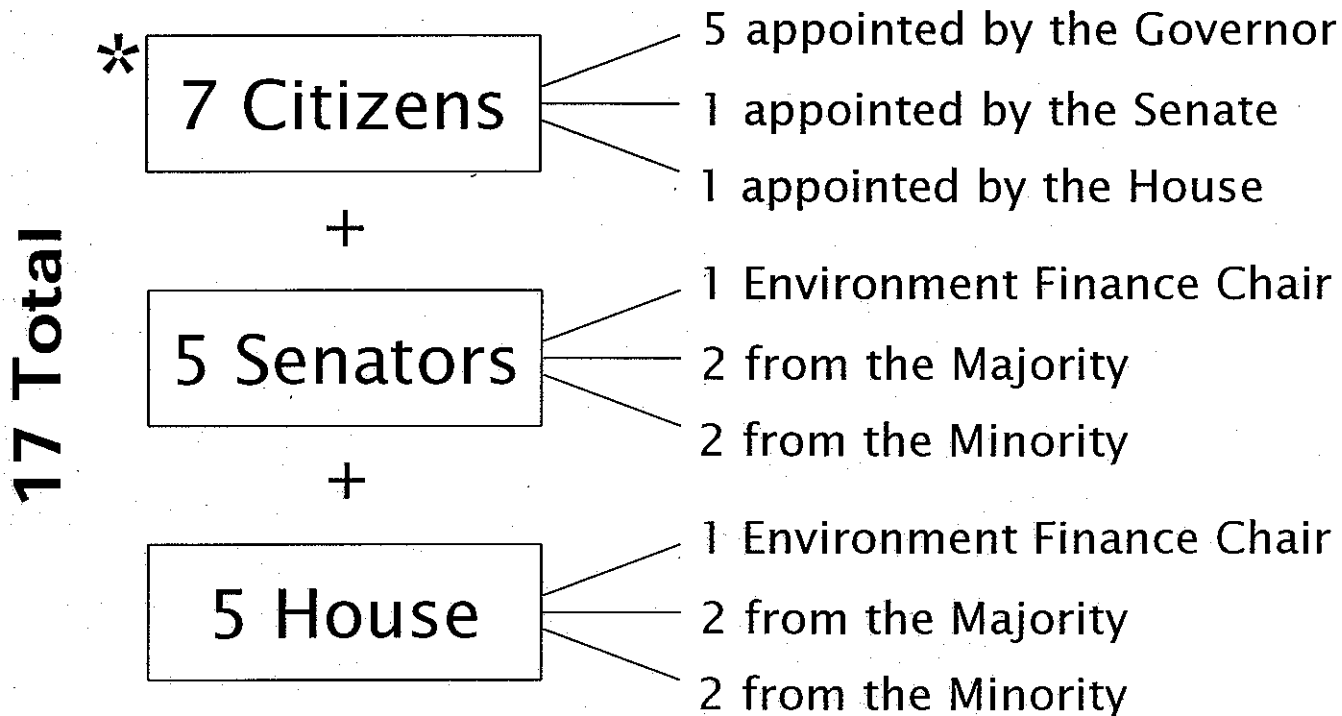


# ***Legislative & Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)***

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **A. GOVERNANCE (recommend funding to Legislature)**



\* **Citizen Selection Committee appointed by the Governor**

- Will recommend a pool of qualified candidates for all citizen appointments
- Consists of 5 members

### **B. ADVICE to LCCMR**

#### **Technical Advisory Committees**

- Possibly 4-10 committees - advise on strategic plan and project funding
- Citizens appointed by LCCMR

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#### **Peer Review Panel**

- 5 or more members - scientific research design expertise
- Citizens appointed by LCCMR

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## **PROCESS**

### **A.**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- Governor appoints a Citizen Selection Committee that nominates a sizeable pool of well qualified candidates for consideration by the Governor and Legislature
- Governor and Legislature appoint their respective citizen members (7 Total)
- House & Senate appoint their respective 5 members each (1 each automatic, the Env. Finance Chair)
- Chair rotates between citizens and legislative appointees

### **B.**

### **PLAN and FUNDING**

- LCCMR annually reviews Constitution, statutes and resource plans both public and private
- Uses Technical Advisory Committee(s) to advise on strategic plan and assist in the review of proposals
- Uses Peer Review Committee to judge research based proposals
- Develops a 6-year strategic plan for project funding with measurable outcomes
- Reviews the plan for possible revisions
- With a 12-vote majority recommends a three-part stand alone appropriation bill. The three parts are:
  - Major funding package addressing some focus areas as per the plan
  - Possible regional block grants
  - Possible emerging issues account for interim action

### **C.**

### **EVALUATION**

- LCCMR reviews/approves work programs to enable funding to begin
- Projects may be annual or multi-biennial projects, all with measurable outcomes
- Each biennium reports to Legislature on measured accomplishments compared to plan outcomes, once the projects are completed

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## **PRODUCTS**

### **A. MAJOR FUNDING PACKAGE**

- Annual cycles - focused funding
- Strict adherence to Constitution, strategic plan and M.S. 116P.08
- Projects possible in areas of air, water, land, fish, wildlife and other resources including state outdoor recreation systems (state parks, trails, water access, and historic sites) and Twin-Cities metro regional parks and trails (from M.S. 116P.02)

### **B. REGIONAL BLOCK GRANTS (suggested)**

- Partner with existing, operating, regional citizen based organizations who plan and conduct resource protection and conservation projects
- Funding must comply with Strategic Plan
- Meet particular needs of regions
- Leverage other money

### **C. EMERGING ISSUES ACCOUNT (suggested)**

- A small dollar amount appropriated to begin to address issues that arise between funding cycles
- LCCMR initiates and recommends specific projects and forwards to the Governor for allocation