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Subject: FW: Request Merging of Acquisition Proposals: HA-3 AND PA-1
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Members:

The attached letter is from Tom Landwehr, DNR Commissioner, to Chair Hartwell regarding the Vermillion project. The DNR is requesting that the Council combine the recommended appropriation for Vermillion with the recommendation for WMA and SNA acquisition. If this request is agreed to we could write the appropriation language to specify a minimum amount, \$4.250 million, of the available combined funding, \$8.145 million, be directed to the 7-county metro area to maintain the geographic balance of the overall Council recommendations.

There are two reasons to combine the appropriations. The recommendation for the Vermillion acquisition is \$1,750,000 short of the amount required to complete the planned acquisition. If DNR fails to obtain the \$1,750,000 to complete the purchase a standalone Vermillion appropriation could sit unused until the legislature provides more money or the appropriation is cancelled and re-appropriated. A combined appropriation makes the funding available for alternative parcels if the planned acquisition isn't possible. Also, each appropriation requires an Accomplishment Plan that needs to be prepared and tracked. It is questionable whether a single parcel acquisition, no matter the price, warrants its own accomplishment plan if there is an ongoing program in which to list the parcel and track the purchase.

Bill

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Dear Chair Hartwell:

Please see attached copy; the original will arrive via interoffice mail.

--Joyce

Joyce Suckow, Executive Assistant/Office Manager

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Dear Chair Hartwell:

The Department of Natural Resources has been recommended funding for two wildlife management area (WMA) acquisition proposals: Vermillion River WMA Acquisition proposal (HA-3) with the DNR WMA and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition proposal (PA1). I'd like to request that these proposals be merged into a single accomplishment plan and recommendation. Combining the proposals will streamline work for the Council and staff, as well as the DNR. The entire proposed budget for HA-3, \$4.25 million, would be included in the fee title acquisition budget of PA-1 and the Vermillion River WMA parcel would be added to the WMA SNA list. Both proposals' outcomes would remain unchanged, and additional costs associated with the Vermillion River WMA acquisition will be covered by matching funds.

The DNR would be happy to work with Council staff to draft accomplishment plan and recommendation language that assures the purpose of both programs remains intact.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Landwehr".

Tom Landwehr
Commissioner

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