


Minnesota Dragonfly Society

Online Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017

Online Facebook vote to accept or decline the offer from Enbridge's Ecofootprint Grant for the year 2018 in providing MDS with \$45,000 to continue survey and education in the Red Lake and St. Louis River watersheds. The vote was closed at 8pm on March 18th.

Copied from Facebook 3/25/17





Angela Isackson with Ami Thompson and 12 others.
March 15 at 8:02pm

****Online Vote, MDS Board Members Only**** (all board members will be tagged)


This is a vote to either accept (I vote yes) or decline (I vote no) the offer from Enbridge's Ecofootprint Grant for the year 2018 in providing MDS with \$45,000 to continue survey and education in the Red Lake and St. Louis River Watersheds. We also have stated and confirmed, this will be our last application to apply for any grant from Enbridge as we wish to diversify and search for new grants moving forward.

Please post in the comments on your vote, either stating "I abstain", or "I vote yes", or "I vote no".


Vote will close in 3 days on March 18th 8pm.

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Leah Darst as a 100% side note, i'd still love to apply for a grant for mds through the ulysses s. seal grant process through the mn zoo... only about \$2,500 (up to \$5,000 if i participate) but now that we have specific projects to fund, i think it'd have a good shot! they're focusing on australia-focused grants right now but they've still approved some local stuff. just an idea for the summer season this year or next... who should i talk to about specific project details at some point?

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Ami Thompson Are they for reseach and/or education? Check with Ang, Me, Curt (research committee), or Maia (grant coordinator) to start maybe

Like · Reply · March 15 at 8:32pm



Angela Isackson Sent Leah Darst a message.

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Leah Darst conservation focus with inclusion of research/education. i'll talk to curt at some point.

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Write a reply...



John Arthur With reluctance, I vote yes.

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Angela Isackson I vote yes. With emphasizing a change in process for grant applications and diversity in our funding moving forward.

Unlike · Reply · 2 · March 15 at 8:34pm



Crystal Boyd I abstain.

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Mike Sweet With some apprehension but also optimism that the work will be important and helpful, I vote yes.

Unlike · Reply · 2 · March 15 at 9:09pm



Ami Thompson I vote yes

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Curt Oien The last few days have been an eye opener for me and have given me much to consider. Together, we make a good team and I thank you all. The decision is not as easy as it would have been a week ago but after considering our mission statement and all the information I have...

Today I talked to other natural resource professionals who I admire and got their opinion too. I vote yes.

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Jeff Fischer I vote no. Besides the ethical reasons that I have already laid out, I think that the MDS would be better off concentrating our efforts on the DSA convention. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the MDS and I would hate to see us blow it because we bite off more than we can chew.

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Kiah Brasch I vote yes

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Barbara Heenan Andersen I vote yes

Like · Reply · 2 · March 16 at 7:18pm



Jacki Morrison Yes.

Like · Reply · 1 · March 17 at 5:21pm



Tina Morey Enbridge provides grants to at least 27 non-profits in MN, including the MN Land Trust and multiple watershed conservation organizations, so we aren't alone in the ethical dilemma. I don't see how we will ever find a company that is free of all social/environmental concerns so I vote Yes.

Like · Reply · 2 · March 18 at 11:44am



Angela Isackson Still missing votes or abstains from **Ron Lawrenz**, **Mitch Haag**, and **Jenn Gillen Ashling**. Closes tonight 8pm.

Like · Reply · March 18 at 11:52am



Mitch Haag I abstain

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Ron Lawrenz I have immense respect for everyone involved in a the current Endbridge grant, and for the great work that they have done. I have no doubt that the new grant will be no different. I appreciate the boards commitment to looking for other sources of revenue to support the MDS mission. I will support whatever decision the board makes today, but I can not vote for the proposal. I respectfully vote no.

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Angela Isackson This vote has officially closed, with a total of 9 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 2 abstains. One board members did not participate but it can be confirmed they were informed and viewed the online vote. That results in a Yes to accept the grant with the affirmation vote of a majority of those directors present and entitled to a vote. **Kiah Brasch** please can you cut and paste this thread into a word document and have sent to myself via email. Thank you!

Like · Reply · March 19 at 1:55pm



Kiah Brasch Will do!

Like · Reply · March 19 at 1:56pm



Write a reply...

