Minutes of the Meeting Under s. 13.10

January 14, 2010

Co-chair Miller presided and called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Present: Senators Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Olsen
Representatives Pocan, Colón, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Montgomery

Absent: Senator Darling, Representative Vos

I. Department of Natural Resources

Moved by Senator Olsen and seconded by Representative Montgomery to deny the allocation of Department of Natural Resources expenditure authority of up to $1,000,000 in federal stimulus funds for the leaking underground storage tank program for cleanup of contaminated underground tank sites at the Chrysler engine plant site in Kenosha.

Ayes, 3; Noes, 11 (Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Lassa, Pocan, Colón, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby); Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the allocation of Department of Natural Resources expenditure authority of up to $1,000,000 in federal stimulus funds for the leaking underground storage tank program for cleanup of contaminated underground tank sites at the Chrysler engine plant site in Kenosha.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 3 (Robson, Olsen, Montgomery); Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

II. Department of Children and Families

Co-chair Miller made a unanimous consent request to approve the Governor's request for an increase in expenditure authority in the federal economic stimulus funds appropriation [s. 20.437(2)(mf)] of $250,000 FED in fiscal year 2009-10 to reflect the allocation of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in the Department of Children and Families for capacity building. Without objection, it was so ordered.
III. Department of Workforce Development

Moved by Senator Taylor and seconded by Senator Miller to require the Department of Workforce Development to provide quarterly administrative reports to the Joint Committee on Finance that measure the efficiency of administration of unemployment insurance claims and appeals including, but not limited to, the number of calls received, the number of calls answered, the number of calls dropped, the number of benefit claims processed, processing time, the number of positions allocated to claims processing, the number of benefit appeals, the average time of appeals, and the number of adjudicator and support positions allocated to appeals. Require the department to provide an analysis of these administrative activities that would assist the Committee in evaluating future requests for administrative funding. In addition, within one month following the end of fiscal year 2010-11, require the department to provide the Committee with a description of the administrative expenses that were funded by the additional federal emergency unemployment compensation administrative funding approved through the s. 13.10 process.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

Co-chair Miller made a unanimous consent request to approve the Governor's request for increased expenditure authority of $9,000,000 FED in fiscal year 2009-10 in the appropriation under s. 20.445(1)(n), employment assistance and unemployment insurance administration; federal moneys. Without objection, it was so ordered.

IV. Public Service Commission

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Sherman to approve the request to provide $1,717,684 FED in fiscal year 2009-10 for broadband mapping and planning under the FED-continuing federal funds appropriation [s. 20.155(1)(m) of the statutes].

Ayes, 13; Noes, 1 (Montgomery); Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

V. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Sherman and seconded by Senator Hansen to approve the Governor's request for the use of $474,228 in federal economic stimulus funds for the resurfacing of a three-mile section of Bayfield County CTH M.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.395(2)(fx).]
VI. Department of Transportation

Co-chair Miller made a unanimous consent request to approve the Governor's request for the use of $395,148 in federal economic stimulus funds for two grants for highway construction industry worker training programs. Without objection, it was so ordered.

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.395(3)(c)x.]

VII. Department of Health Services

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Senator Lehman to approve the Governor's request to increase expenditure authority in the Department of Health Services by $1,023,219 ($474,732 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $548,487 in fiscal year 2010-11) in federal ARRA funds, to support the Birth-to-Three program.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriations as follows: $73,745 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $147,500 in fiscal year 2010-11 under s. 20.435(7)(mL), and $400,987 in each fiscal year under s. 20.435(7)(m)].

VIII. Department of Health Services

Moved by Senator Hansen and seconded by Senator Lassa to approve the expenditure of $1,300,800 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $3,676,300 in fiscal year 2010-11, from moneys received under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to support planning and implementation of a statewide health information exchange.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriations as follows: $349,100 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $557,700 in fiscal year 2010-11 under s. 20.435(1)(m), and $951,700 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $3,118,600 in fiscal year 2010-11 under s. 20.435(1)(ma)].

IX. Department of Health Services

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Senator Hansen to approve the Governor's request to increase expenditure authority for the Department of Health Services by $1,369,517 (one-time ARRA funds) in fiscal year 2009-10 to fund planning activities to develop a state Medicaid health information technology plan.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.435(4)(n).]
X. Department of Health Services

Moved by Representative Montgomery and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the allocation and expenditure of $2,073,200 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $18,659,880 in fiscal year 2010-11, to support the following projects in the administration's request:

1. State coordinated grants to small cities and rural communities;
2. State supplemental funding for policy and environmental change:
   • Component I, obesity prevention and tobacco use control;
   • Component II, obesity prevention; and
   • Component III, tobacco cessation.

Require the administration to resubmit a request for the allocation and expenditure of state supplemental funding for policy and environmental change, Component II, tobacco use control.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 (Darling, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriations as follows: $279,697 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $2,517,270 in fiscal year 2010-11 under s. 20.435(1)(m), and $1,793,503 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $16,142,610 in fiscal year 2010-11 under s. 20.435(1)(ma).]

Kirsten M. Grinde, Secretary
Date: 1/19/2010

Mark Miller, Co-Chair
Date: 1/20/2010

Jim Doyle, Governor
Date: 1/20/10