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Article 1

Appropriations

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- 1 **Capital improvement appropriations.** States that the appropriations in this article are from the bond proceeds or other named fund. Includes generally applicable provisions governing spending of state general obligation bond proceeds. Includes the governor's 2014 recommended provision that money appropriated in this article not be used for asset preservation if the work can be done in a reasonable time frame using the state energy improvement financing program in Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.322, or the guaranteed energy savings program in section 16C.144.
- 2 **University of Minnesota.** Appropriates \$8.529 million for renovation and expansion of the Willmar Poultry Testing Lab.
- 3 **Natural Resources.** \$10 million for a grant to Otter Tail county for flood hazard mitigation.
- 4 **Board of Water and Soil Resources.** \$1 million for grants to local governments in Area II of the Minnesota River Basin for floodwater retention systems. Requires a 3 to 1 match.
- 5 **Administration.** \$24.724 million for Capitol restoration out-of-scope projects, including addressing water infiltration, settlement, and deterioration issues; and \$6.2 million for Capitol security enhancements.
- 6 **Transportation.**
 - Subd. 2. **Local bridge replacement and rehabilitation.** \$9.25 million

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Subd. 3. Local road improvement fund grants. \$10.1 million. Includes money for a grant to Sandstone for a new road, subject to sufficient resources to complete it.

Subd. 4. Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority. \$1 million.

- 7 **Corrections.** \$1.2 million for replacement of the food processing facility at the Northeast Regional Corrections Center. No match is required.
- 8 **Public Facilities Authority.** \$16.489 million for wastewater infrastructure funding.
- 9 **Bond sale expenses.** Appropriates \$89,000 to MMB to pay the costs of selling the bonds.
- 10 **Bond sale authorization.** Authorizes MMB to sell \$69,231,000 in state general obligation bonds to provide the money for the appropriations in this article.
- 11 **Bond sale schedule.** Sets the limit on the amount that may be transferred from the general fund to the state bond fund to pay debt service during the biennium and directs MMB to time selling the bonds so as to not exceed that amount.
- 12 **Minnesota Valley Railroad Track Rehabilitation.** Extends availability of the 2008 appropriation to December 31, 2017.
- 13 **Minnesota Valley Railroad Track Rehabilitation.** Extends availability of the 2009 appropriation to December 31, 2017.
- 14 **Minnesota Valley Railroad Track Rehabilitation.** Extends availability of the 2010 appropriation to December 31, 2017.
- 15 **Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.** Amends the 2012 bond appropriation for a project that MnSCU has determined not to do and allows that money to be used for HEAPR on the same campus.
- 16 **Veterans Affairs.** Authorizes the amount remaining from the 2012 appropriation for the Minneapolis Veterans Home to be added to the 2013 appropriation. As of January 2015, there was \$395,343 uncommitted.
- 17 **Cottage Grove – HERO center.** Amends the 2014 appropriation to eliminate the match requirement and to change the partner from MnSCU to the city of Woodbury. Also strikes the specific address.
- 18 **Minnesota Sex Offender Program, St. Peter.** Amends the 2014 appropriation to change the building being renovated from the Bartlett Building to the Tomlinson Building and parts of Green Acres and Sunrise.
- 19 **Early childhood learning and child protection facilities.** Amends the 2014 appropriation for the YWCA of Minneapolis project to allow the money to also be used for the entire building's HVAC and sprinkler systems, and the pool walls and ceiling.
- 20 **Lake Elmo water supply.** Corrects the 2014 appropriation to refer to Inwood Avenue instead of Lake Elmo Avenue.
- 21 **Minneapolis – Brian Coyle Community Center.** Allows the 2014 appropriation to be used toward the renovation and expansion of the center. The 2014 appropriation was for predesign and design.

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- 22 Minneapolis – Hennepin Center for the Arts.** Changes the grantee for the 2014 appropriation from Minneapolis to Hennepin County.
- 23 Red Wing – River Renaissance.** Reduces the scope of the project funded in 2014 to match the amount appropriated.
- 24 St. Paul – Historic Palace Theater renovation.** Changes the grantee for the 2014 appropriation from the city to the HRA.
- 25 St. Paul – Minnesota Children’s Museum.** Reduces the 2014 nonstate contribution required from \$7.485 million to \$4 million.
- 26 Minneapolis Community and Technical College; sale of aviation training center.** Appropriates the net proceeds of the sale of the aviation training center at the Flying Cloud Airport to MnSCU to use for HEAPR projects at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College campus, instead of going to the state, and declares that once the sale is complete the property is no longer state bond-financed property.
- 27 West Metro Education Program; property conveyance.** Authorizes the Joint Powers District No. 6069, West Metro Education Program, to convey the real and personal property of the FAIR school in downtown Minneapolis to the Minneapolis school district and the FAIR school in Crystal to the Robbinsdale school district. The provisions that implement this transfer are in the omnibus education bill.
- 28 Conveyance of state bond-financed property.** Conveys state bond-financed property from the state to Hennepin County. According to MMB, this was a Department of Human Services site that was used for intensive residential treatment services but was shuttered several years ago. Hennepin County will be using it for a similar purpose. It was financed with approximately \$822,000 of \$1.5 million appropriated for the Metro Area Predischarge Program in 1994, chapter 643, section 8, subdivision 3. It will remain state bond financed property.
- 29 Effective** the day after enactment.

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Article 2

Disaster Relief

This article appropriates money for disaster relief needed due to storms and flooding that occurred on or after June 11, 2014, in the disaster declaration area known as DR-4182. The FEMA website states that the disaster was due to severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides and the incident period was June 11, 2014, to July 11, 2014, with the declaration on July 21, 2014. The area includes the counties of Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Hennepin, Jackson, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Roseau, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wadena, Waseca, Watonwan, Wright, and Yellow Medicine, and the Indian Reservations of Bois Forte (Nett Lake), Prairie Island Community, and Red Lake.

The article appropriates a total of \$11 million from the general fund, \$9.366 million from the bond proceeds fund, and \$800,000 from the state transportation fund bond proceeds account (which is not trunk highway bonding).

1 Disaster relief appropriations.

Subd. 1. Appropriations. Appropriations in this article are from the bond proceeds fund and other named funds for relief needed due to storms and flooding that occurred on or after June 11, 2014, in the disaster declaration area known as DR-4182. Includes generally applicable provisions governing spending of state general obligation bond proceeds. Provides that the general fund appropriations are for fiscal year 2016, are available the day after enactment and available until June 30, 2018. The bond proceeds appropriations are available the day after enactment and until the capital project is completed or abandoned, subject to the statute that provides for cancellation of a capital appropriation for any project not proceeding that was enacted more than four years before January 1 of an odd-numbered year.

Subd. 2. Transfers. Permits transfers of general fund money appropriated for a project or program for assistance in the disaster area, to another program or project funded under the disaster relief statute. Appropriation transfers must be used to cover unmet needs in a program or project under the disaster relief statute and are subject to approval by the commissioner of management and budget. Each transfer must be reported to the chairs of the senate Finance Committee and house of representatives Ways and Means Committee.

2 Transportation; local road and bridge reconstruction. \$800,000 from the state transportation fund.

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- 3 Minnesota Historical Society.** \$100,000 from the general fund for a grant to the city of Jordan.
- 4 Natural Resources.**
- Subd. 2. Facility and natural resource damage.** \$2,140,000 from the bond proceeds fund.
- Subd. 3. Flood hazard mitigation grants.** \$2,515,000 from the bond proceeds fund and \$500,000 from the general fund. Includes money for a grant to the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District for restoration of the Prior Lake outlet channel.
- 5 Board of Water and Soil Resources.**
- Subd. 2. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) conservation easements.** \$4,700,000 from the bond proceeds fund.
- Subd. 3. Erosion, sediment, and water quality control cost-share program.** \$10,300,000 from the general fund.
- 6 Department of Employment and Economic Development.** \$100,000 from the general fund for a grant to the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota.
- 7 Bond sale expenses.** \$11,000 from the bond proceeds fund to MMB.
- 8 Bond sale authorization.**
- Subd. 1. Bond proceeds fund.** \$9,366,000 authorized.
- Subd. 2. Transportation fund.** \$800,000 authorized. These are general obligation bonds and the proceeds go into the state transportation fund.
- 9 Appropriations to be given effect only once.** Provides that if an appropriation is enacted more than once in the 2015 session for the same purpose, the appropriation must be given effect only once.
- 10 Effective** the day after enactment.