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Date: October 5, 2018
To: Legislative Advisory Commission Members
From: Myron Frans, Executive Secretary *MF*
RE: Legislative Advisory Commission Federal Funds Avian Influenza Reporting

This memo is to report the actual federal funds received in fiscal years 2015 through 2017 by applicable state agencies, as well as their use, as required by the Laws of 2015, Special Session 1, Article 1, Chapter 4, Section 7.

Background

In December 2014 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) was detected in the United States for the first time in 10 years. The first case of the HPAI outbreak in Minnesota was announced on March 5, 2015. Throughout the outbreak, poultry on 108 farms spanning 23 counties were infected with HPAI in Minnesota. Over nine million birds were depopulated or died due to the virus, including commercial turkeys, commercial layers and one backyard flock. The last case of HPAI in Minnesota was confirmed on June 5, 2015.

The following information reflects the federal expenditures that were approved and appropriated through the Legislative Advisory Commission (LAC) in 2015, as well as information regarding how those funds were expended once received. In 2015, a total of \$2,127,126 was made available by the federal government and approved through the LAC. Of that amount, \$1,403,329 was expended in fiscal years 2015-2017 by the Departments of Agriculture and the Board of Animal Health.

Agency	Federal Award Name	Federal CFDA	Fiscal Year	Amount of Expected Award When Appropriated Under LAC	Amount Received and Expended
Agriculture	Emergency Funding Request for Nationwide Outbreaks of Notifiable Avian Influenza	10.025	2015	\$555,223	\$472,665
		10.025	2016	609,903	347,229
	Emergency Management - Foaming Units	97.042	2016	100,000	75,653
Board of Animal Health	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Emergency	10.025	2015	215,500	112,907
			2016	646,500	394,875

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Of the total amounts appropriated through the Legislative Advisory Commission process, the Department of Agriculture expended and was reimbursed for \$895,547 between FY 2015 and FY 2017. Of this amount, \$498,144 was for staffing related to activating the Department Incident Management Team (IMT) and establishing and managing HPAI emergency response activities out of the Incident Command Post in Willmar, MN. An additional \$124,041 was for indirect costs, \$98,454 was for the four month use of the Kandiyohi Emergency Operations Center, Willmar, MN, \$86,626 was for in state travel expenses for IMT members, and \$75,653 for the purchase of a depopulation foaming unit. The remaining amount was for misc. postage and supplies.

Of the total amount of federal funding appropriated through the Legislative Advisory Commission process, the Board of Animal Health expended and was reimbursed for \$507,782 between FY 2015 and FY 2017. Of this amount, \$331,939 was for staffing related to leading and coordinating the avian flu response with multiple state agency and non-state partners. Specific work completed by staff included:

- Traveling roads in search of poultry remises
- Educating farmers
- Providing literature/information on HPAI to incident management team
- Assisting in testing birds, as well as tracked and reported results to USDA
- Driving samples from testing to Willmar and St. Paul
- Interviewing owners of sick birds
- Assisting in depopulation of sites and barn cleaning

In addition, \$53,300 was for indirect costs, and the remainder for rent, in state travel, and other small misc. costs.

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Chardae Kimber of my staff at Chardae.Kimber@state.mn.us or 651-259-3617.

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