

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Agenda Item Memo

DATE: June 17, 2014

SUBJECT: ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec . 2 Accomplishment Plans

Background:

MS 97A.056, subd. 12 requires recipients of Outdoor Heritage Funds to submit accomplishment plans to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in the form prescribed by the Council for Council approval. Those accomplishment plans are the deliverables tied to expenditure of the appropriation. Programs whose accomplishment plans conform to the submitted proposal, draft accomplishment plan, and appropriation language are placed on the consent agenda.

Thirty-five of the programs appropriated funds in MN Laws 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2 are on the consent agenda. Staff has reviewed them and they are in order. No significant changes were made in the legislative process so they reflect programs presented to you for funding recommendations and the agreements and promises made last November/December through submission of the draft accomplishment plan.

Five of the programs appropriated funds are not on the consent agenda. Two of the programs have significant changes in budget and output; the third is being held due to late and incomplete reports; the fourth has been held for discussion at the request of the agency administering the program; and the fifth is an update given legislative intent. Program managers of these appropriations will be present to answer specific questions regarding those accomplishment plans.

Consent Agenda

Appropriation	Amount
2b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area Program, Ph. VI	\$10,350,000
2c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. V	\$3,940,000
2d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition, Ph. V	\$2,450,000
2e) Accelerated Protection of Grassland and Prairie Habitat with RIM and NPB Easements	\$5,450,000
2f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. IV	\$2,200,000
2g) Cannon Rivers Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. IV	\$1,430,000
2h) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR Lands, Ph. VI	\$1,530,000
2i) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Ph. III	\$1,190,000
2j) Crow-Hassen Prairie Complex Restoration and Enhancement	\$370,000
2k) Prairie and Oak Savanna Restoration along Mississippi and Rum Rivers	\$380,000
3a) Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in St. Louis River	\$2,800,000
3b) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Program, Ph. IV	\$3,150,000
3c) Protecting Pineland Sands Aquifer Forest Lands	\$1,05,000
3d) Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County, Ph. V	\$880,000

3e) State Forest Acquisition, Ph. II	\$950,000
3f) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Ph. II	\$5,770,000
3g) Camp Ripley Partnership, Ph. IV	\$1,200,000
3h) Floodplain Forest Enhancement on Mississippi River	\$300,000
4b) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. VI	\$7,280,000
4d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. III	\$1,060,000
4e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement, Ph. VI	\$1,050,000
5a) DNR Aquatic Habitat, Ph. VI	\$2,560,000
5b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes	\$2,130,000
5d) Metro Big Rivers, Ph. V	\$2,650,000
5e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation	\$2,440,000
5f) MTU Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement, Ph. VI	\$1,900,000
5h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Ph. II	\$1,410,000
5i) Restoration and Enhancement of Washington County Public Lands	\$430,000
5j) Wirth Park Enhancements	\$600,000
5k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategies	\$4,040,000
5m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Ph. VI	\$4,550,000
5n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro Grant Program	\$4,000,000
6c) Technical Evaluation Panel	\$100,000
6d) High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service Acceleration for LSOHC	\$50,000

Non-Consent Agenda

2a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Ph. VI	\$8,145,000
4a) RIM-WRE, Ph. VI	\$9,710,000
4c) Living Shallow Lakes & Wetlands Initiative, Ph. IV	\$4,910,000
5c) Habitat Protection in Dakota County, Ph. V	\$1,190,000
5g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Ph. II	\$2,290,000

Suggested Motion:

Move to approve the accomplishment plans for the appropriations on the consent list as presented in the Agenda Item Memo for ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2 Accomplishment Plans.

Suggested Procedure

Place the motion before the Council. Then it is up for discussion, amendments and final passage. Council members may move items on or off the consent agenda for further discussion on June 17 or at a later date.

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