

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #12

DATE: August 11, 2015

SUBJECT: DNR Water Retention Projects Proposals

PRESENTER: Jason Garms, DNR Agricultural Program Liaison

Suggested Motion: None
Presentation and Q&A

Background:

Mr. Garms will present to the Council DNR's review of potential water retention related projects with respect to directive legislation passed in the special session (language below).

Water Retention Projects Language

ML2015, First Special Session, Chapter 4, Sect 140 - Water Retention Projects.

"By August 1, 2015, the commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with the commissioners of agriculture and the Pollution Control Agency, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and other interested parties, shall develop proposals for significant large-scale projects that provide flood water retention, water quality improvements, nutrient and sediment reduction, and wildlife habitat for submission to the **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**, Clean Water Council, and the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for funding in fiscal year 2017. Any deadlines established by the **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**, Clean Water Council, or the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources are waived for purposes of the submissions."