Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Monday, January 4, 2010 Room 5, State Office Building Meeting Summary

Executive Committee Members Present: Chair Michael Kilgore, David Hartwell, James Cox, Darby Nelson, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Other Members Present: Rep. Rick Hansen and Ryan Bronson

Call to order - Chair: Chair Kilgore called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

Review and approve agenda: Motion by D. Hartwell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Administrative Budget Review and Approval

Executive Director Bill Becker reviewed the administrative budget and provided details to members. He recommended deletion of the contingency line and approval of a budget at \$687,000, which is less than last year's budget of \$705,000. J. Cox asked if there was money in the budget for marketing or outreach, or promotional pieces. Members discussed public relations and what types of materials/messages would be helpful for the public to understand and be better informed about the legacy funds. Mr. Becker said staff would look into options. Motion by D. Hartwell to approve the budget for recommendation to the full Council at \$687,000, which includes the deletion of the \$43,000 contingency line. Motion passed.

Review and Discuss Accomplishment Plan Analysis

Mr. Becker reviewed the analysis reports that summarized information from the preliminary accomplishment reports. Ben Bagdon was recognized for his work in putting together the reports. The reports, once in final form, will be posted on the web site for the public.

J. Cox raised concern over the travel amount in project # 31, Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands. D. Hartwell encouraged discussion about the additional budgetary items handout. Chair Kilgore reminded members that the accomplishment plans still need to be approved by the Council after the appropriations bill is signed by the governor. Mr. Becker encouraged members to address any specific comments about the preliminary plans to staff via e-mail for follow-up.

Review Final Appropriation Language

Mr. Becker reviewed the appropriation language. Members went through the language page by page for discussion. Members discussed the following changes to the language presented.

- 1) The addition of language under subd. 9 similar to the prairie language that would be applicable to re-forestation as well as aquatic systems. This language would be applicable to all appropriations.
- 2) The addition of language under subd. 9 that would cross reference Chapter 172 reference requirement for signage to recognize work and parcels purchased with Outdoor Heritage Funds.
- 3) The addition of language under subd. 11. The last sentence should read "Capital equipment expenditures <u>for specific</u> <u>items that are in excess of \$10,000 must be approved as part of the accomplishment plan."</u>

D. Hartwell addressed the issue of possibly changing the Council requirements from the municipal open meeting law to the legislative open meeting law. Rep. Hansen informed members that change would require the bill go through additional legislative committees for approval.

Motion by D. Hartwell to approve the appropriation language, for full Council consideration, as presented with the changes discussed. Motion passed. It was noted for the record that the full Council may discuss potential changes to the Conservation Partners Grants language.

Adjournment: Chair Kilgore adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.			
APPROVED:			
Mike Kilgore, Chair	Date	Darby Nelson, Secretary	Date