

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
May 26, 2010
Room 5, State Office Building
Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Chair Michael Kilgore
Les Bensch
Ryan Bronson
Jim Cox

Wayne Enger
Sen. Lisa Fobbe
Rep. Bob Gunther
David Hartwell

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen
Darby Nelson
Scott Rall

Members Absent: Rep. Rick Hansen

Call to order

Chair Kilgore called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair Kilgore introduced new member Sen. Lisa Fobbe who was appointed by Sen. Pogemiller. Members introduced themselves and welcomed Sen. Fobbe to the Council.

Review and approve agenda

Motion by W. Enger to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Review and approve minutes from January 7, 2010

Motion by D. Hartwell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report / Session Update

Executive Director Bill Becker went through the session report highlighting changes that were made to the appropriations bill once it left the Council in January. Greg Knopff noted that on page 15 and pages 23-24 of the session update, Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 97A.056, subdivision 3 (j) was not included in the final bill; it was an error in a previous version published on the Revisor's web site.

2010 Meeting Schedule – Locations and Subjects

Heather Koop reviewed the schedule and gave details on the June site tour.

Decision Item: LSOHC 25 year Plan Process

Judy Grew, MMB, Management Analysis and Development presented the activities to date, costs concerning the summer planning work, the role of the Council and the role of the 25 Year Working Group. Members discussed concern over the membership of the Working Group and not having representation from non-governmental organizations (NGO). Members agreed that the Working Group should bring NGO's into the process as needed. Motion by S. Rall to authorize an hourly billable contract up to \$145,625 with Management Analysis and Development for facilitation of the 25 year plan process facilitation. Motion passed.

Decision Item: Adopt FY 2012 Call for Request

D. Hartwell presented the Treasurer's proposal which estimated the dollars available from the OHF for FY12 Call for Funding Request. Heather Koop reviewed the document and explained the strikeout and underline in the document. Motion by D. Hartwell to adopt FY12 Call for Funding Request as presented with the following accepted amendments: 1) change \$82 million available to \$86 million available, 2) on page 3 under Proposal Requirements, insert at the end of #1 "and Minnesota Statutes and Laws, including restrictions on acquisition of lands in the public domain, as required by Minnesota Statutes 2010, Section 97A.056, Subdivision 9", and 3) that the Minimum Screening Criteria be reordered as presented on the separate handout. Motion passed.

Discussion of 2-year appropriation cycle/admin budget

Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a two-year allocations cycle. When asked by a member, Mr. Becker pointed out that with the administrative budget approved annually, there is a possibility if a

special session is called or the bill does not pass prior to June 30, that the function of the Council would be in jeopardy without funding in place for staff and Council activities. Members discussed the Conservation Partners Grants for two year cycle as well. Notice by D. Hartwell that he will be recommending that the FY12 administrative budget be allocated for the biennium (FY12 and 13).

Decision Item: Operating Procedure Amendment

Members reviewed the changes to the Operating Procedures. Mr. Becker explained the three main changes: 1) the date of Council elections to January of the odd years is to avoid splitting Chairs in the middle of a process and to make the Chair term consistent with the appointment terms to the Council, 2) changes in the quorum requirement to reflect a quorum with less than a membership of 12 and, 3) the approval process for Council member travel opportunities outside of regular business meetings and fact finding trips. Motion by D. Hartwell to accept the changes to the operating procedures as presented. Motion passed.

Public comment on priority uses of the Outdoor Heritage Fund (2:24:20)

The following addressed the Council:

Brad Mergens, District Manager, West Ottertail Co. SWCD Manager - clean water buffers RIM easements

Darren Newville, East Ottertail Co. SWCD Manager

Jon Roeschlein, Wheaton, MN – Board of Soil and Water District - Watershed Projects in Red River Valley

Adjournment

Chair Kilgore adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mike Kilgore, Chair Date

Darby Nelson, Secretary Date