

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
Meeting Summary  
**March 18, 2013**

**Members Present:**

Bob Anderson (phone)  
Jim Cox  
David Hartwell, Chair  
Rep. Rick Hansen

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen  
Jane Kingston  
Rep. Denny McNamara  
Sue Olson

Sen. Tom Saxhaug  
Ron Schara  
Elizabeth Wilkens

**Members Absent:** Scott Rall

**Call to order:** Call to order at 5:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Review and approve agenda:** Motion by R. Schara to approve the agenda. Motion adopted.

**Review and Approve Minutes – December 11, 2012:** Motion by J. Kingston to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

**Executive Director's Report:** Jane Kingston reported to the Council on the MN Chapter of Wildlife Society Award. Director Becker: reminded members of the Open Meeting Law, explained the conflict of interest policy and procedure, informed members of the OLA Report on Easements, and informed members of Scott Ralls wishing to solicit members input into a recognition of past members by giving them an embroidered briefcase information will be forthcoming.

**Action: Approval of 2013 Schedule**

The Council changed the April 19<sup>th</sup> date to the evening of April 22<sup>nd</sup> to avoid conflict with legislative deadlines. Motion by R. Schara to approve the schedule as changed. Motion adopted.

**(24:31) Discussion: Legislative update**

Heather Koop informed members of the legislative action taken on the Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriation recommendations HF207 / SF56 and other bills introduced that appropriate money from the Outdoor Heritage Council. Members discussed House amendments made to the recommendation bill. Motion by Jim Cox for the Council to take an official position of non-support of the House amendments. Members discussed the motion. Rep. McNamara suggested dividing each out as some were technical amendments and they all were very different. Jim Cox withdrew his motion.

**(1:07:35) Update: February forecast update** - Michelle Mitchell, MN Management and Budget presented an updated fund statement and answered questions posed by members. She informed the council that there was about \$4.4 million more available to appropriate than previously reported.

**(1:20:18) Action: Any action needed based on February forecast update** – Members discussed the additional money and recommendations regarding it.

Motion by J Kingston to maintain a 5% reserve (\$4.6 million).

Bob Anderson - yes  
Jim Cox - yes  
David Hartwell - yes  
Rep. Rick Hansen - no

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes  
Jane Kingston - yes  
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes  
Sue Olson - yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - yes  
Ron Schara - yes  
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

10-1 Motion adopted.

Motion by J Kingston to recommend \$4.4 million be added to the recommendation for Subd.4(a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Program Partnership - Phase V and forward that to legislature leadership and

committee chairs.

Bob Anderson - yes  
Jim Cox - yes  
David Hartwell - yes  
Rep. Rick Hansen - no

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes  
Jane Kingston - yes  
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes  
Sue Olson - yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - yes  
Ron Schara - yes  
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

10-1 Motion adopted. Members agreed to forward this recommendation to legislative leadership.

**(1:53:08) Update: Asian Carp Barriers** Steve Hirsch, MN DNR presented an update and answered questions on the status of the carp barrier projects.

**(2:06:53) Action: Accomplishment Plan Amendment, ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(e) - Accelerated Shallow Lakes & Wetlands Enhancement, Ph.4** – Ricky Lien, DNR provided an update to the requested amendment. Shift in line items within the accomplishment plan shifts the line item containing equipment to travel to align with the state accounting system.

Motion by XX to approve the amendment as presented. Council members wish to have a future meeting where DNR explains fleet service operations.

Bob Anderson - yes  
Jim Cox - yes  
David Hartwell - yes  
Rep. Rick Hansen - yes

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes  
Jane Kingston - yes  
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes  
Sue Olson - yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - yes  
Ron Schara - yes  
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

11-0 Motion adopted.

**(2:26:09) Action:** Amend, review & approve Call for Funding Request and Annual Process - Members reviewed the Call page by page and each members submitted comments.

Motion by S. Olson to approve the package as we have discussed with amendments, staff clarifications and all the rest.

Bob Anderson - yes  
Jim Cox - yes  
David Hartwell - yes  
Rep. Rick Hansen - yes

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes  
Jane Kingston - yes  
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes  
Sue Olson - yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - yes  
Ron Schara - yes  
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

11-0 Motion adopted.

**(3:44:50) Action: Election of Officers for 2-year terms**

Proxies for Scott Rall and Bob Anderson were given to Jim Cox. Nominations for chair were Jim Cox and David Hartwell. Ballots were 4-8 in favor of David Hartwell. Nomination for Vice-Chair was Jim Cox, he was elected on a unanimous motion. Nominations for secretary were Scott Rall and Susan Olson. Ballots were counted 5-7 in favor of Susan Olson. Nominations for Treasurer were Scott Rall and Jane Kingston. Ballots were counted 11-1 in favor of Jane Kingston. Representative Rick Hansen was unanimously named as the legislative member again.

The Executive Committee is:

David Hartwell, Chair  
Jim Cox, Vice-Chair  
Susan Olson, Secretary  
Jane Kingston, Treasurer  
Representative Rick Hansen, Legislative Member

**(4:06:24) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

Former member Les Bensch addressed the Council and provided a handout for members.

**(4:17:20) Adjourned:** 10:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Susan Olson, Secretary

Date