

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
Meeting Summary  
June 4, 2013

**Members Present:**

Bob Anderson	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen	Scott Rall (phone)
Jim Cox	Jane Kingston	Ron Schara
David Hartwell, Chair	Rep. Denny McNamara	Elizabeth Wilkens
Rep. Rick Hansen	Sue Olson	

**Members Absent:** Sen. Tom Saxhaug

**Call to order:** Call to order at 8:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Review and approve agenda:** Motion by J Kingston to approve the agenda. Motion adopted.

**Review and Approve Minutes – March 18, 2013:** Motion by Rep. Hansen to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

**Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda**

No conflicts were reported.

**(00:03:12) Executive Director's Report:** Bill Becker reviewed the schedule in members' packets, discussed working with LCC to add a .50 FTE position to council staff and realign duties to allow for better career tracking.

**(00:05:35) Discussion: Legislative update** – Bill Becker provided a legislative update that included new laws and appropriations and answered questions posed by members. **(00:29:03)** Chair Hartwell gave an update of the session and thoughts for the future relating to Metro area habitat including habitat in Metro Parks. Chair Hartwell described a recent meeting with Metro Parks and Open Space implementing agencies at which he recommended their future applications be individual applications rather than group applications. Members discussed the Outdoor Heritage Fund in relation to habitat spending in the metro region and aquatic invasive species.

**(01:31:38) Update: Climate change report** - Olivia LeDee, DNR and Tony Sullins, USFWS presented a power point presentation and answered questions posed by members.

**(02:11:25) Update: OLA presentation on conservation easements** - Jim Nobles and Judy Randall, Office of the Legislative Auditor, presented a power point presentation and answered questions posed by members.

**(02:44:54) Action: Accomplishment Plan Amendment request - ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(g) Knife River Habitat Restoration** - Scott Kuiti, Lake Superior Steelhead Association, presented the amendment to the council and answered questions posed by members. Motion by R. Schara to approve the amendment as presented. Motion adopted (11-0)

**(02:51:04) Action: Approval of alterations/conveyance of interest in OHF funded easement - ML 2009, Ch.172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd 3. Forest for the Future** - Grant Wilson, Department of Natural Resources, presented the conversion and answered questions posed by members. Motion by Sen. Ingebrigtsen to approve the conversion as presented. Motion adopted (11-0).

**(02:56:33) Action: Approval of Accomplishment Plan Amendment request - ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3c and ML 2013, Ch. 137, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3c Northeast Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership.** Joe Pavelko,

Pheasants Forever, and Jodi Provost, DNR, presented the request and answered questions posed by members. Motion by S. Rall to approve the amendment request as presented.

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

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes  
 Jane Kingston - yes  
 Rep. Denny McNamara - no  
 Sue Olson - abstain

Scott Rall - yes  
 Ron Schara - yes  
 Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

9-1 Motion adopted.

**(03:12:34) Action: Approve ML 2013 Accomplishment plans** - Motion by R. Schara to approve the accomplishment plans on the consent agenda (below). Motion adopted (11-0).

Appropriation	Amount
2a) Grasslands for the Future	\$2,000,000
2b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area Program, Ph. V	\$7,960,000
2c) DNR Wildlife Management Area, Scientific and Natural Area, and Native Prairie Bank Easement, Ph. V	\$4,940,000
2d) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. IV	\$5,310,000
2e) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. III	\$3,520,000
2f) Cannon Rivers Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. III	\$1,780,000
2g) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR Lands, Ph. V	\$2,220,000
3a) Young Forest Conservation	\$1,180,000
3b) Camp Ripley Partnership, Ph. III	\$1,150,000
3c) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Program, Ph. IV	\$1,180,000
3d) Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County, Ph. IV	\$500,000
3e) Critical Shoreline Habitat Protection Program, Ph. II	\$820,000
3f) Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative, Ph. II	\$2,000,000
4a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Program Partnership, Ph. V	\$13,390,000
4b) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. V	\$6,830,000
4c) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative, Ph. III	\$3,530,000
4d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. II	\$1,630,000

4e) Wetland Habitat Program	\$1,980,000
4f) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement, Ph. V	\$1,790,000
4g) Pelican Lake Enhancement	\$2,000,000
5a) DNR Aquatic Habitat, Ph. V	\$5,250,000
5c) Root River Protection and Restoration	\$2,750,000
5d) Metro Big Rivers Habitat, Ph. IV	\$1,720,000
5e) Minnesota Landscape Arboretum	\$1,000,000
5f) Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership, Ph. III	\$1,710,000
5g) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement, Ph. V	\$2,470,000
5h) Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive Species Control Structure, Ph. III	\$1,127,000
5i) Outdoor Heritage Fund Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Ph. V	\$3,860,000
6a) Contract Management	\$175,000
6c) Technical Evaluation Panel	\$45,000
6d) High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service Acceleration for LSOHC	\$50,000

**Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

no one addressed the Council

**(03:20:32) Adjourned:** 11:21 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Susan Olson, Secretary

Date