

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
September 20, 2013

Members Present:

Bob Anderson	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen	Scott Rall
Jim Cox (phone)	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 7:45 a.m. a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and approve agenda: Motion by B. Anderson to approve the agenda for September 20th as presented. Motion adopted.

Review and approve minutes – September 4 & 5, 2013

Motion by R. Schara to approve the minutes as presented. Motion adopted.

Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda

Conflict as presented on forms were summarized and handed out. No additional conflicts were noted.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Becker provided an update review of staff work since the last meeting.

(07:57) Action: Review and Approve FY 2015 Administrative Budget

Motion by Rep. Hansen to approve the FY 2015 administrative budget at \$570,000.

Bob Anderson - yes	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes	Scott Rall - yes
Jim Cox - yes	Jane Kingston - yes	Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent
David Hartwell - yes	Rep. Denny McNamara - yes	Ron Schara - yes
Rep. Rick Hansen - yes	Sue Olson - yes	Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion passed (11-0).

(07:57) Action: Review and approve new position description requesting 1.0 FTE

Motion by R. Schara to approve the addition of 1.0 FTE for an Assistant Director Position.

Bob Anderson - yes	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes	Scott Rall - yes
Jim Cox - yes	Jane Kingston - yes	Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent
David Hartwell - yes	Rep. Denny McNamara - yes	Ron Schara - yes
Rep. Rick Hansen - yes	Sue Olson - yes	Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion passed (11-0).

Information: ML 2009 Final Reports Distribution

Members received copies of final report and Ms. Koop informed member there would be a summary at the November Meeting. S. Rall requested as part of the summary a list of monies turned back from appropriations.

(28:43) Update: Biennial vs. annual recommendation study

Ralph Brown, MN Mgmt & Budget, Management Analysis and Development provided an update on the study, answered questions posed by members, and informed members of next steps.

(58:09) Update: Revisiting the framework and the Call for Funding Request

Charlie Peterson, MN Mgmt & Budget, Management Analysis and Development presented an update on the process, asked questions/advice from members and next steps for moving ahead. The Council advised MN Mgmt & Budget to look to the OHF Advisory Committee on the 25-year plan for further advice.

(1:55:32) Information: Mississippi Northwoods presentation

Gary Drotts, Commissioner Paul Titte, and Land Services Supervisor Kirk Titus, Crow Wing County presented a consideration of change in use of land of 142 acres of the Mississippi River Northwoods acquisition near MN Hwy 210 . They presented the potential future request for the land exchange, timeline and process for the exchange, the developable land values near the Hwy 210 corridor, appraisal process, next steps and answered question posed by members. No action was taken by the Council on this item.

(2:37:42) Discussion: Recommendation adjustment for November forecast at December

Jane Kingston outlined the fund balances and process for potentially changing recommendations per a forecast adjustments and information forthcoming. Members discussed the approach to February forecast and a strategy for any upswing that may happen and the difficulty of meeting during session. Members discussed additional money being added to Conservation Partners Legacy Program and shortages being taken from the reserve balance. It was decided to review this again at the December meeting.

(2:47:59) Action: Allocation to Requests for Recommendation to 2014 Legislature

Chair Hartwell described his proposal for beginning the discussion on allocation recommendations. He offered that all projects that received eight or more funding recommendations be included in the chair's proposal. However, the average of those funding recommendations was \$95,180,000, leaving a relatively small balance for members to advocate for increasing any proposal's funding recommended in the chair's proposal or adding to the chair's proposal. The chair stated that this formula did not allow for debate on a proposal's merits or deficiencies.

In order to encourage debate and a more thorough vetting of the recommendations as a whole, the chair's proposal would include those proposals receiving eight or more members' recommendations and use 75% of the average recommendation for each proposal as a starting point for discussion. The chair's proposal, then, would begin with \$70,430,000 and allow for \$31,520,000 for members to allocate by individual motion and debate. Rep. Hansen moved the chair's proposal.

Scott Rall spoke against the chair's proposal. He said that because 93.4% of the available funds were allocated to the requests funded by eight or more members there was great member consensus. He proposed that the council distribute the recommended funds to those with eight or more members allocating and distribute the remaining \$6 million by member motions.

Chair Hartwell suggested modifying his motion to forward requests receiving nine or more members allocating funds to the request at 90% of the average member allocation. Rep. Hansen withdrew his motion on the original chair's proposal.

Scott Rall moved the revised chair's proposal. All requests with nine or more members allocating money would be included at 90% of the adjusted average member allocation.

(04:05:00) discussion of procedures: The revised Chair's Proposal left \$23,218,000 to be recommended. Members agreed that each member would have the opportunity to make a motion using \$2,100,000. The motions would be taken in order determined by lot. After a round of motions the members could continue making motions until all members had made all

desired motions. With the Chair's Proposal as the motion before the Council, members made the following amendments to the motion of the Chair's Proposal.

4:08:15 Scott Rall moved on behalf of Jim Cox to add \$600,000 to PA-4, Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge (The Nature Conservancy) and \$1,500,000 to WRE-2, Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Initiative Phase IV (Ducks Unlimited) - motion passed

4:14:30 Rep. McNamara moved to add \$600,000 to HAIS-4, Statewide AIS Facilities and Equipment as modified by Hartwell White Paper and \$1,500,000 to HA-3, Vermilion River WMA Acquisition (DNR) – motion passed

4:20:00 Senator Ingebrigtsen moved to add \$750,000 to HA-7, Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation (Bois de Sioux Watershed District); \$1,000,000 to HAIS-4, Statewide AIS Facilities and Equipment as modified by Hartwell White Paper; and \$350,000 to WRE-2, Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Initiative Phase IV (Ducks Unlimited) – motion passed

4:27:45 Rep. Hansen moved to add \$700,000 to FA-2, Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in the St. Louis River Watershed (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa); \$700,000 to CPL-2, Conservation Partners Legacy Metro Grant Program ML 2014 (DNR); and \$700,000 to HAIS-4, Statewide AIS Facilities and Equipment as modified by Hartwell White Paper – motion passed

4:29:10 Elizabeth Wilkens moved to add \$2,100,000 to Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership – Phase V (MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society and PF) motion passed

4:31:00 Ron Schara moved to add \$250,000 to HA-7, Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation (Bois de Sioux Watershed District); \$1,350,000 HAIS-4, Statewide AIS Facilities and Equipment as modified by Hartwell White Paper, and \$500,000 to HRE-9, Lake Independence Fish Habitat Improvement Project (Three Rivers Park District). 4:37:10 Scott Rall requests the motion be divided between HA-7/HAIS-4 and HRE-9 and Hansen requests a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL: 3-7, HRE-9 motion failed

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

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

Scott Rall - no
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent
Ron Schara - yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - no

On HA-7 and HAIS 4 motion passed

4:41:00 Sue Olson moved to add \$2,100,000 to FA-2, Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in the St. Louis River Watershed (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) – Rep. McNamara requests a roll call vote

ROLL CALL: 6-4, motion passed

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

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

Scott Rall - no
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent
Ron Schara - no
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

4:45:40 Scott Rall moved to add \$2,100,000 to PA-2 Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program – Phase VI – motion passed

4:47:55 Jane Kingston moved to add \$1,050,000 to FA-4, Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership – Phase V (MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society and PF) and \$1,050,000 to FA-5, Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer Forestlands and Aquatic Habitat Phase I. 4:50:45 Rep. Hansen requests a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL: 7-3, motion passed

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

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

Scott Rall - yes
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent
Ron Schara - yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

4:52:00 Bob Anderson moves to add \$500,000 to PA-2 , Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program (Pheasants Forever); \$500,000 to WA-2, Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program (Pheasants Forever); \$500,000 to CPL-2, Conservation Partners Legacy Metro Grant Program ML 2014 (DNR); \$500,000 to HRE-4, Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation – Phase II (Lake Superior Steelhead Association) and \$100,000 to HRE-7 Grey Cloud Slough Habitat Restoration (South Washington Watershed District). Jane Kingston requested the motion be divided separating out HRE-7 from the others.

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

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

Scott Rall - no
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent
Ron Schara - no
Elizabeth Wilkens - no

HRE-7 ROLL CALL: 9-1, motion fails

Councilor Anderson amended his addition to HRE-4 to increase it from \$500,000 to \$600,000. The remaining motion was voted upon. Motion passed on voice vote.

4:58:35 Ron Schara moved to add \$500,000 to CPL-1, Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML 2014 – motion passed

5:00:30 Chair Hartwell turned the gavel over to Sue Olson, David Hartwell then moved to add \$1,000,000 to FA-8, Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration – Phase III (The Nature Conservancy), \$500,000 to HA-2, Metro Big Rivers – Phase 5 (Minnesota Valley Trust et. al.) and \$600,000 to Wirth Park Habitat Enhancements (Minneapolis Park Board). - motion passed

5:05:30 Scott Rall moved that any dollars available as a result of staff review of the audio and rounding of recommended sums be applied to PA-1, DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition – Phase VI (DNR). Rep. Hansen move to amend the motion to place a first priority on Scientific and Natural Areas. After discussion the amendment was accepted and the amended motion passed.

(5:14:19) Member discussed additional conditions to apply to various program appropriation recommendations.

Motion by Scott Rall to NOT allow emergency haying or grazing on state fee owned land acquired by OHF dollars. Motion passed.

Motion by Scott Rall for all prairie region programs to ask the organization to come back with a plan to put emphasis on native prairie restoration. Motion passed.

Motion by J Kingston to have the DNR consider merging CPL 1 and 2 and change criteria for metro projects and come back to council with ideas and have the flexibility to move money from one to the other and for staff to work with commissioner's office and look for options for Council consideration. S. Rall requested being involved with that process.

(15:19:18) Motion by Rep. McNamara to move the recommendation package as amended before the Council and a roll call vote taken.

ROLL CALL: motion passed 10-0

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

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

Scott Rall - yes
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent
Ron Schara - yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

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[MSOffice1] **Opportunity for public to address the council**
No one addressed the Council.

(5:21:41) Meeting adjourn at 1:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

Susan Olson, Secretary

Date