

**Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
January 16, 2014**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Ron Schara and Rep. Rick Hansen

Call to order: Call to order at 8:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and approve agenda:

Motion by J. Kingston to approve the agenda as presented.

Bob Anderson – yes	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes	Scott Rall - yes
Jim Cox - yes	Jane Kingston - yes	
David Hartwell - yes	Sue Olson - yes	

Motion passed (7-0).

Review and approve minutes:

Motion by J. Kingston to approve the 12/12/2013 minutes as presented.

Bob Anderson – yes	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes	Scott Rall - yes
Jim Cox - yes	Jane Kingston - yes	
David Hartwell - yes	Sue Olson - yes	

Motion passed (7-0).

Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda

No new conflicts were noted.

Executive Director's Report

Members received a copy of the ML 2014 OHF appropriation recommendation bill and were informed of the February 12th House hearing. The assistant director position was filled by H. Koop and the now vacant project manager analyst position will be posted in the near future. Members were also informed of the increase per diem meal amounts. Members reviewed the schedule and considered changes; none were made.

(11:33) Update from Executive Committee Report - Direct support services authorization and limits

J. Kingston introduced the agenda item and the process to members. The council discussed the recommendation of the executive committee meeting. J. Kingston said after conversation with NGOs she questioned if adopting a list, even of ineligible expenses, was in the best interest of the process since every proposal is so unique and different. Members discussed whether to have a list or not have a list of prohibited expenses in the FY 16 Call. Members also discussed continuing working on this issue.

Motion by B. Anderson to approve the addition of the LCCMR list of prohibited expenses in the FY 16 Call for Funding Request:

Bob Anderson – no	Jim Cox - no	David Hartwell - no
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Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - no
Jane Kingston - no

Rep. Denny McNamara - no
Sue Olson - no

Scott Rall - no
Elizabeth Wilkens - no

Motion failed (0-9).

Chair Hartwell asked the council how to resolve this issue. Rep. McNamara, although against the establishment of a working group, suggested the group work with the LCCMR as he thought they might like to review the list as well based on council discussion.

(38:23) Chair Hartwell asked for a show of hands for support for a working group to resolve the issue of prohibited expenses. Three members supported a working group. Members talked about a date to resolve the issue. Members discussed the inclusion of the possible new language in the Call that was going for public review and that continued work on this issue would not be contained in the Call for public comment.

Motion by J. Cox to establish a working group on the support services issue and allowable expenses and to bring back a recommendation to the February 13th meeting.

Bob Anderson – yes
Jim Cox - yes
David Hartwell - no
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes

Jane Kingston - yes
Rep. Denny McNamara - no
Sue Olson - no
Scott Rall - yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion passed (7-3).

Chair Hartwell stated that the working group would consist of two people, J. Cox and S. Rall. No staff was assigned to the working group. It was restated that the proposed new language would not be part of the call to be publically reviewed and used in the next round of recommendations.

(47:17) Review and Progress ML 2014 Accomplishment Plans

- High Priority Pre-transaction Services
- Floodplain Forest Enhancement, Mississippi River
- Camp Ripley ACUB, Ph. IV

Mr. Becker informed members of the accomplishment plans that were submitted as a result of the last meeting's subsequent appropriations. Members did not have any questions on the plans.

(46:58) Action: Accomplishment Plan Amendment - ML 2013, Ch 137, Art 1, Sec. 2, Subd 5(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat, Grant Wilson and Brian Nerbonne, DNR, presented the amendment and answered questions posed by members.

Motion by Rep. McNamara to approve the accomplishment plan amendment.

Bob Anderson – yes
Jim Cox - yes
David Hartwell - yes
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes

Jane Kingston - yes
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes
Sue Olson - yes
Scott Rall - yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion passed (10-0). Chair Hartwell provided strong opposition to the amendment request as it drastically changed the outputs originally approved.

(1:11:36) Review and Amend for public review Call for Funding Request

Charlie Petersen, MAD facilitated a discussion on the Call for Funding Request. Members reviewed the Call section by section and made additional changes. The following changes were made:

- 1) Language changes on page 3, Section 2
~~“Have a record similar in scale, scope, and complexity to the project/program(s) being requested.”~~
Demonstrate a capability to of successfully management and implementation the of project/program(s)
- 2) Page 3, section 3 A deleted and the bulleted sections moved under page 4, C as items for members to review.
- 3) Page 3, section 3 B deleted and the bullet section moved under page 4, C as item for members to review.
- 4) Members decided to NOT prioritize the actions in the Ecological Section Vision and Priorities and instead of numbering use a symbol instead.

Members also discussed and decided on the following changes in the request form.

- 1) Applicants select the top two conservation plans objectives addressed in their proposal.
- 2) Applicants select the top two ecological priorities addressed in their proposal.
- 3) Members decided to not have a post-hearing score and to keep the current system in place.
- 4) Members discussed using a 3, 5, or 7 point scale for the pre-hearing evaluation. It was decided that more discussion needs to be done on the point scale for the pre-hearing evaluation at the February 13th meeting.

Motion by S. Rall to approve the changes to the Call for Funding and post it for public review and comment and to allow staff to make minor edits as necessary for readability.

Bob Anderson – yes

Jane Kingston - yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - absent

Jim Cox - no

Rep. Denny McNamara - absent

Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

David Hartwell - yes

Sue Olson - yes

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes

Scott Rall - yes

Motion passed (7-1). Chair Hartwell asked councilmember Cox why he did not approve the Call. J. Cox said there was no final document in front of him for review and he still had issued under section 2 – minimum screening qualifications.

Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No public testimony was heard.

(2:47:01) Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED:

Susan Olson, Secretary

Date