

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
March 13, 2015

Members Present:

David Hartwell, Chair
Bob Anderson
Julie Blackburn
Rep. David Dill

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

Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara
Elizabeth Wilkens

Members Absent: Barry Tilley (proxy vote for elections by Bob Anderson).

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 for March 13th as presented.
Motion Adopted.

Review and Approve Minutes: Motion by S. Olson to approve the December 11, 2014 minutes as presented.
Motion Adopted.

Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda
No new conflicts were noted.

Executive Director's Report

Mark Johnson, Executive Director of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC), reported on his meeting with Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners. Mr. Johnson discussed interest in the potential of LSOHC and Clean Water Council members meeting to brainstorm for possible future collaborations. Mr. Johnson discussed open meeting laws, proxy and ballot procedures for Council voting.

(0:07:09) February Forecast reviewed by Treasurer Jane Kingston which showed a slight increase in expected revenue for the year but the Treasurer recommended the Council do nothing but use the additional funds for future year recommendations.

(0:10:08) Program Status updates review provided by Sandy Smith.

(0:21:48) Motion by Jane Kingston to approve calendar. Motion adopted.

(0:23:01) AGENDA #6 Update on Legislative Action

Legislative Actions update provided by Representative Denny McNamara. Rep. McNamara provided information on legislative actions, adoption of hiring process and the Legislative Coordinating Commission' (LCC) hiring process. He referred more in depth questions to the LCC's Director, Greg Hubinger, for hiring process clarification. Members discussed House of Representatives removal of projects.

(0:36:09) Discussion: PILT issues with regard to Mississippi Northwoods. Suggestions were made as to how procedures should be put in place. Members discussed the controversy regarding payments of PILT land.

(0:37:43) Discussion: White Earth tribe, the management of land, issues surrounding the land and possible White Earth discrimination. Question posed on White Earth and water quality.

(0:44:40) Discussion: Senate File 83 and House File 8, and the next two Sen. Bills, and Lessard-Sams involvement over a 20-year period.

(01:03:12) AGENDA #7: Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program, Phase II.

Executive Director, Kris Larson and John Brosnan, Director of Land Protection from the Minnesota Land Trust spoke to the Trust's upcoming projects, conservation on the North Shore and easements on property. Questions were raised as to whether the land in question as already protected and funded under another entity. The land's easement was confirmed. Motion by Jane Kingston, to "approve the request for the Council to allow MLT to acquire a conservation easement on land currently harboring two state trout stream easements. Motion adopted.

(01:13:10) AGENDA #8: Accomplishment Plan Amendment. Motion by Sue Olson, to approve accomplishment plan amendment. Motion adopted.

(01:18:47) AGENDA #9: Richard Peterson DNR – Itasca County easement. Motion by Bob Anderson, to approve the conversion as presented and direct the deposit of proceeds into OHF. Motion Passed.

(01:27:35) AGENDA #10: Mississippi Northwoods Habitat Complex Protection and Crow Wing County Presentation by Dan Listug and Mark Liedl (CRC Land Services Director). Members discussed projected trails and how the use of all-terrain vehicles would displace wildlife. They also requested information on the status of the management plan referenced in the accomplishment plan which the county officials could not answer. . Crow Wing addressed bike trail. Gary Drotts, Crow Wing County wildlife expert, discussed accomplishment plan, and suggested that Crow Wing could find a solution that would appease the Council and Crow Wing County.

(02:12:20) AGENDA #11: Accomplishment Plan Amendment.

Neal Feeken, Manager of the Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project for The Nature Conservancy discussed the need to after the fact, modify the parcel list due to an oversight in the project management. Motion by Senator Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen to approve the accomplishment plan amendment by The Nature Conservancy. Motion passed.

(02:18:31) AGENDA #12: Information:

Presentation by Peggy Booth and David Schad, of the Department of Natural Resources regarding finalization of SNA acquisition in Yellow Medicine County and update of progress on NPB easement 7 acquisition valuation formula adjustments.

THE COUNCIL TOOK A SHORT RECESS

(02:26:11) AGENDA #13 Discussion:

Process review for Call for Funding Requests, FY 2017. Discussion led by Heather Koop. Motion to approve by Chair Hartwell; motion adopted.

(02:31:54) AGENDA #14 Election of Council Officers.

As per the Council's process, the Council held its elections for officers which is done every two years.

Members David Hartwell and Bob Anderson were nominated for Chair of the Executive Committee. Members voted using a ballot process and the votes were tallied. Bob Anderson was elected as the new Chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council with a vote of 8 to 4.

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Barry Tilley (proxy by Bob Anderson)	

Chair Elect Bob Anderson nominated Jane Kingston for Vice Chair. Susan Olson nominated Julie Blackburn for Vice Chair. Members voted using a ballot process and the votes were tallied. Jane Kingston was elected as the new Vice Chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council with a vote of 10 to 1.

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Barry Tilley*	

Chair Hartwell requested nominations for Secretary of the council. Both Ron Schara and David Hartwell were nominated but Ron Schara declined the nomination. David Hartwell was elected as the new Secretary of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Chair Hartwell requested nominations for Treasurer. Julie Blackburn was the only member nominated and was elected as the new Treasurer of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Chair Hartwell requested nominations for Legislative Member. Senator Tom Saxhaug was the only member nominated and was elected as Legislative Member of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

*Note: Proxy for Barry Tilley provided in advance by Mr. Tilley with direction for the proxy to be held by Bob Anderson.)

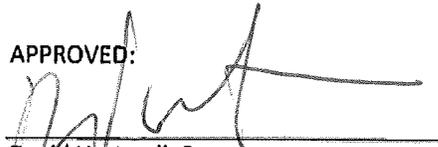
(03:03:08) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

Darryl Palmer, member of the natural resource advisory committee for the city of Brainerd Lakes speaks

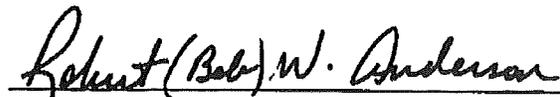
to council on the proposed ATV trails on the Mississippi Northwoods project and why this request is in his opinion, quite reasonable.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

APPROVED:


David Hartwell, Secretary
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

8/10/15
Date


Robert (Bob) Anderson, Chair
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

June 23, 2015
Date