

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting  
Meeting Summary  
December 14, 2016**

**Members Present**

Bob Anderson, Chair  
Julie Blackburn  
David Hartwell  
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Jane Kingston Rep.  
Rep. Leon Lillie  
Rep. Denny McNamara  
Susan Olson

Sen. Tom Saxhaug  
Barry Tilley  
Elizabeth Wilkens

**Members Absent**

Ron Schara

**Call to Order:** Call to order at 8:16 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Review and Approve Agenda**

Motion by Ms. Kingston to approve the agenda for December 14, 2016 as presented. Motion adopted.

**Review and Approve Minutes – November 16, 2016**

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

**Conflicts of Interest:**

No new conflicts were noted.

**(00:02:50) Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Mark Johnson discussed a letter received from Pheasants Forever, Inc. requesting convergence/conveyance concerning a utility right-of-way easement with Lewis and Clark Regional Water for a regional pipeline in Nobles County.

Joe Pavelko updated the council on outcomes on the RFP. Discussion followed.

Several staff appearances occurred in December.

DNR memo included in packet regarding CPL Grants. Jessica Lee will be asked to come in and speak to the grants in the spring.

Letters were sent out regarding Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure; members need to recertify.

Reminder: complete and submit expenses prior to year-end.

**(00:17:20) Action: Adopt 2017 Council Schedule**

Ms. Kingston questioned why the calendar did not include site tours. It was suggested that the schedule be considered "tentative" until tour dates could be included.

**(00:21:26) Action: Approve Call for Funding Requests for ML 2018-FY2019**

There was discussion related to establishing a maximum funding request.

Motion by Ms. Kingston to approve the Call for Funding Requests for ML 2018-FY2019. Motion adopted.

**(00:44:07) Action: Accomplishment Plan Amendments**

ML 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(c), RIM Wetlands Partnership: Phase VII

ML 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(g), RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI

ML 2015, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(f), MN Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase V

Bill Penning, Easement Section Manager, BWSR

Motion by Ms. Wilkens to approve the Amendments to Appropriation Law. **Motion adopted.**

**(00:53:08) Treasurer Report: Julie Blackburn, Treasurer introduced :**

Ashley Reisenauer, Executive Budget Officer, MN Management & Budget for November forecast reported there was slower growth in the sales tax receipts. With a 5% reserve amount, the amount available to appropriate for FY18 is \$103,773.

**(01:03:41) Action: Approve Bill Language**

A discussion of the Bill language occurred, including the recommendation to remove LSSA.

Katherine Sherman-Hoehn, DNR, testified regarding conflicts of interest and how the DNR responds when becoming aware of these situations. Ms. Sherman-Owen has been invited to return to the next meeting.

Motion by Rep. McNamara to remove LSSA Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase III appropriation. **Motion adopted.**

Motion by Sue Olson to fully fund Bushman Lake by adding \$1.6 million. **Motion adopted.**

Wayne Ostle: MN Land Trust testified regarding Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor.

Motion by Julie Blackburn to amend language related to Item FA01 Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor, Minnesota Land Trust: Subd. 3. "A list of proposed permanent conservation easements *and an annual public hunting and fishing plan* must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan." **Motion adopted.**

Motion by Sen. Tom Saxhaug to approve Bill language, as amended.

Roll call vote to approve Bill Language with noted changes:

Bob Anderson, Chair - Yes

Julie Blackburn - Yes

David Hartwell - Yes

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - Yes

Jane Kingston - Yes

Rep. Leon Lillie - Yes

Rep. McNamara - Yes

Sue Olson - Yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug - Yes

Barry Tilley - Yes

Elizabeth Wilkens - Yes

**Motion is adopted (11-yes, 0-no).**

**(02:16:05) 15 Minute Recess**

**(02:22:50) Presentation: Shoreland Conservation Protection and Restoration Efforts in Stearns County**

Greg Berg, Lakeshed Specialist, Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District

Dennis Fuchs, Administrator for the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District

Marcus Miller, Stearns County Attorney's Office

**(02:54:48) Presentation: Recreational Trail Use and Impacts on Wildlife**

Gary Drotts, MN DNR Wildlife (Retired)

Eric Jensen, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

(03:38:54) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council  
No testimony was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

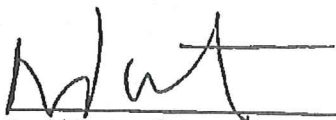
APPROVED:



Bob Anderson, Chair

May 25, 2017

Date:



David Hartwell, Secretary

5/24/17

Date: