

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
August 23, 2017**

Members Present

Bob Anderson, Chair
David Hartwell
Jane Kingston
Jamie Swenson

Julie Blackburn
Denny McNamara
Ron Schara
Rep. Leon Lillie

Rep. Dan Fabian
Barry Tilley
Sen. Andrew Lang
Sen. David Tomassoni

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:45 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve the agenda for August 23, 2017 as presented. **Motion adopted.**

Review and Approve Minutes – July 31, 2017

Motion by Ms. Blackburn to approve the minutes. **Motion adopted.**

Conflicts of Interest:

Member David Hartwell noted a Conflict of Interest with ML 2018 / FY 2019 proposal PA 10: Protect and Restore MN IBAs within the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands. He will recuse himself from any decision on that individual proposal.

(00:10:36) Hearings for Funding Requests

Members heard the following presentations:

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(00:10:46)	HRE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase X	\$ 3,450,000	John Lenczewski	Minnesota Trout Unlimited
(00:30:46)	HRE 02	Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership (Phase IV)-Upper Pool 9 Backwater Enhancement and Floodplain Forest Restoration	\$ 1,555,400	Dan Dieterman	MN DNR
(00:53:17)	HRE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase V	\$ 8,598,000	John Lindgren	MN DNR
(01:11:17)	HRE 04	Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase III	\$ 3,600,000	Kevin J. Bovee	Lake Superior Steelhead Association
(01:34:05)	HRE 05	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VII	\$ 3,034,800	Andy Henschel	Shell Rock River Watershed District
(01:51:50)	HRE 06	Lake George Dam and Rum River Erosion	\$ 539,000	Glenn Fuchs	Anoka County Parks
(02:19:27)	HRE 07	Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program - Phase I	\$ 1,700,000	Bruce Albright	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(02:40:12)	HRE 08	Two Rivers Fish Passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement	\$ 2,000,000	Dave Treumer	City of Hallock
(02:57:19)	HRE 09	Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Habitat Restoration - Phase I	\$ 795,000	Anna Brown	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
(03:13:13)	HRE 10	Slow the Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer	\$ 14,689,500	Mark Abrahamson	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
(03:41:58)	HA 01	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement	\$ 11,838,900	Brian Nerbonne	MN DNR
(03:58:24)	HA 02	Metro Big Rivers - Phase VIII	\$ 8,217,000	Deborah Loon	MN Valley Trust
(04:22:13)	HA 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase III	\$ 8,099,700	Tim Terrill	Mississippi Headwaters Board
(04:41:34)	HA 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase IIII	\$ 7,099,700	Lindsey Ketchel	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
(05:04:47)	HA 05	DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements	\$ 3,030,000	Martin Jennings	MN DNR
(05:22:02)	HA 06	Metro Wildlife Management Areas	\$ 2,502,000	Emilee Nelson	The Conservation Fund
(05:29:40)	HA 07	Dakota County Habitat Protection Restoration - Phase VI	\$ 6,250,000	Lisa West	Dakota County
(06:01:04)	HA 08	Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program - Phase I	\$ 5,000,000	Karen Galles	Hennepin County
(06:18:58)	WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase X	\$ 13,861,100	Eran Sandquist	Pheasants Forever, Inc.
(06:34:54)	WA 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program - Phase VII	\$ 13,500,000	Jon Schneider	Ducks Unlimited
(06:58:28)	WA 03	RIM Wetlands - Phase IX	\$ 20,000,000	Dave Rickert	BWSR
(07:17:47)	WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase III	\$ 5,283,900	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(07:38:00)	WRE 01	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase X	\$ 6,900,000	Ricky Lien	MN DNR
(08:14:54)	WRE 02	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase VI	\$ 6,900,000	Jon Schneider	Ducks Unlimited

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(08:26:04)	PRE 01	DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase X	\$ 17,068,200	Greg Hoch	MN DNR
(08:43:11)	PRE 02	Enhanced Public Land – Grasslands - Phase III	\$ 4,983,700	Eran Sandquist	Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
August 24, 2017**

Members Present

Bob Anderson, Chair
David Hartwell
Jane Kingston
Jamie Swenson

Julie Blackburn
Denny McNamara
Ron Schara
Rep. Leon Lillie

Rep. Dan Fabian
Barry Tilley
Sen. Andrew Lang
Sen. David Tomassoni

Call to Order: Call to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

(00:01:26) Hearings for Funding Requests

Members heard the following presentations:

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(00:01:34)	PA 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase X	\$ 5,934,700	Jay Johnson	MN DNR
(00:19:44)	PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase X	\$ 13,948,100	Eran Sandquist	Pheasants Forever, Inc.
(00:30:49)	PA 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VIII	\$ 7,000,000	Neal Feeken	The Nature Conservancy
(00:58:31)	PA 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge - Phase IX	\$ 6,175,000	Richard Johnson	The Nature Conservancy
(01:10:31)	PA 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VIII	\$ 3,188,600	DJ Forbes	The Trust for Public Land
(01:28:41)	PA 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VII	\$ 8,000,000	Judy Schulte	MN DNR
(01:45:00)	PA 07	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VIII	\$ 8,000,000	Tabor Hoek	BWSR

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(02:09:11)	PA 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase IV	\$ 9,576,700	Eran Sandquist	MN Prairie Chicken Society / Pheasants Forever, Inc.
(02:20:35)	PA 09	Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase II	\$ 9,108,000	Doug Hartke	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
(02:31:00)	PA 10	Protect and Restore MN IBAs within the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands - Phase II	\$ 4,065,000	Kristin Hall	Audubon Minnesota
(02:38:59)	PA 11	Grassland Conservation Partnership - Phase III	\$ 6,514,300	Emilee Nelson	The Conservation Fund
(02:57:47)	PA 12	Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program - Phase I	\$ 12,570,000	Jon Schneider	Ducks Unlimited
(03:18:48)	PA 13	East Fork Des Moines River Wetland and Prairie Restoration	\$ 2,518,800	Michael Forstner	Martin County Drainage Authority

(03:50:00) Discussion: Allocation Process Guidelines

Executive Director Mark Johnson provided an overview of the allocation process guidelines and briefly discussed the preliminary allocation target for ML 2018/ FY 2019. Council members discussed the allocation process. Motion by Ms. Kingston to adopt the allocation process guidelines. **Motion adopted.**

Mr. Johnson provided a more thorough explanation of the preliminary allocation target for ML 2018/ FY 2019. The allocation recommendation will ultimately be based on the “most recent” (February 2018) forecast and the statutorily mandated 5% reserve. Considering that \$1,958,000 of FY19 funds were appropriated in FY18 legislation, following are 10%, 7%, and 5% reserve scenarios:

- 10% reserve minus \$1,958,000 leaves an approximate allocation target of \$103.9 million.
- 7% reserve minus \$1,958,000 leaves an approximate allocation target of \$107.2 million.
- 5% reserve minus \$1,958,000 leaves an approximate allocation target of \$109.4 million.

Staff recommended Council consider a 7% reserve to accommodate any possible downward forecast fluctuation. Council members discussed.

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to increase the allocation target to \$108 million, leaving roughly a 6% reserve. Council members discussed the motion.

Motion by Rep. Fabian to amend Mr. Hartwell’s motion and go with the 7% reserve as recommended by staff. Chair Anderson called division on the vote. **Motion adopted (7 – yes, 5 – no).**

Chair placed the question of the motion as amended to set the allocation target at \$107.2 million leaving at 7% reserve. **Motion adopted.**

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(04:15:34)	FA 02	Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat Project - Phase II	\$ 6,106,000	Emilee Nelson	The Conservation Fund

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(04:44:15)	FA 03	Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program - Phase VII	\$ 3,207,000	Helen McLennan	Morrison SWCD
(04:55:40)	FA 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VI	\$ 9,796,200	Richard Biske	The Nature Conservancy
(05:13:07)	FA 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase - VI	\$ 5,707,300	Richard F. Peterson	MN DNR
(05:40:13)	FA 06	Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County - Phase VIII	\$ 2,000,000	Kirk Titus	Cass County
(05:58:27)	FA 07	State Forest Acquisition, Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest - Phase V	\$ 3,708,500	Robert Milne	MN DNR
(06:10:07)	FA 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Program - Phase V	\$ 5,296,200	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(06:32:25)	FRE 01	Improving Forest Wildlife Habitat and Forest Health through Increased Species and Structural Diversity	\$ 987,800	Leslie McInenly	MN DNR
(06:51:58)	FRE 02	Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative - Phase III	\$ 6,298,000	Craig Engwall	MN Deer Hunters Association
(07:20:25)	FRE 03	Northern Minnesota Forest Recovery Project	\$ 6,123,600	Jim Manolis	The Nature Conservancy
(07:50:18)	CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase X: Statewide and Metro Habitat	\$ 12,036,000	Jessica Lee	MN DNR

(08:02:18) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No public testimony was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

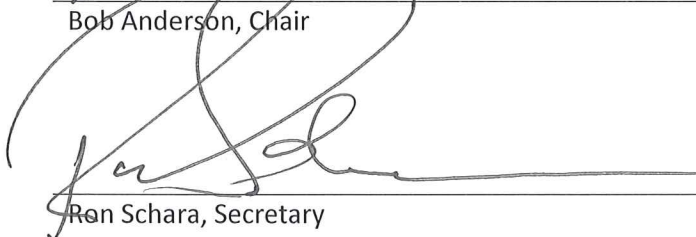
APPROVED:



Bob Anderson, Chair

September 28, 2017

Date:



Ron Schara, Secretary

Sept 28 '17

Date:

