

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
November 21, 2019

Members Present

Ron Schara, Acting Chair
Ashley Peters
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson

Denny McNamara
Kristin Eggerling
Rep. Jamie Becker – Finn
Rep. Dan Fabian

Mark Holsten
Sen. David Tomassoni

Members Absent

David Hartwell Sen. Andrew Lang

Call to Order: Call to order at 8:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and Approve Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

Review and Approve Minutes – October 7, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Saxhaug to approve the minutes for October 7, 2019. **Motion adopted.**

Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

(00:01:19) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mark Johnson provided that LSOHC is in working with LCC to fill our open position for Council Assistant. Director Johnson provided for the record our sincere thanks for Ms. Enfield's fine years of service to the Council as well as our best wishes to her in her educational endeavors. Director Johnson provided the Council with an update of planned improvement for communications between LSOHC, CWC and LCCMR staff. Mr. Johnson also provided thanks to House Communications Director Barry LaGrave for providing video broadcasting. A email & letter in the Council's packets from Attorney Kirk Schnitker was referenced as being received late yesterday with reference to agenda item #6 "Roseau Lake Restoration."

(00:05:40) Information: Review of Communication Outreach Development & Implementation

Danielle Fischer and Patrick Thornton gave a short presentation regarding on-going communication efforts and the milestones to date and answered questions posed by members.

(00:52:45) Action: Request for Extension – ML 2017 2(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection, Phase 6

Motion by Councilmember McNamara to approve the legislative extension of appropriation availability for ML 2017 2(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection – Phase 6 – until June 30, 2022 to be included in the ML 2020 OHF recommendations bill. **Motion adopted.**

(00:59:00) Action: Request for Extension – ML 2016, 5(j) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation

Motion by Councilmember Swenson to table this agenda item until the December 10th meeting. **Motion adopted.**

(01:11:08) Information: Document and Website Accessibility

Greg Hubinger, Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission, provided an overview and update on document and website accessibility requirements. Members discussed.

(01:18:30) Information: Overview and Update on Minnesota’s Prairie Recovery Plan

Greg Hoch, DNR Prairie Habitat Supervisor and Steve Chaplin, The Nature Conservancy’s Sr. Conservation Scientist & Lead Author of Prairie Conservation Plan, gave a presentation on the update to plan, both background and an overview of the plan’s recent rewrite.

(01:58:15) Information: Overview and Update on Minnesota’s Mineral Rights

Susan Damon, DNR Asst. Director for Lands, and Vicki Sellner DNR Staff Attorney, presented an overview on the mineral ownership, mineral rights, and how they may pertain to OHF acquired lands.

(02:37:30) Action: Review and Progress Draft Accomplishment Plans for ML 2020

Motion by Councilmember Saxhaug to progress the ML 2020 Draft Accomplishment Plans and allow staff to proceed with drafting the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) bill based on the plans as discussed and directed. **Motion adopted.**

(02:48:45) Action: 2020 Council Calendar

Executive Director Johnson provided a brief explanation regarding the 2020 calendar. April 15 was adopted for the April 2020 meeting date. Request by Councilmember Swenson to survey members on changing dates of the September hearings. Staff will accomplish the survey and report back at the December 2019 meeting.

(02:52:05) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

Mr. Bob Tammen from Soudan MN addressed the council with information regarding mining & MN GDP and thanked the Council for the work it does.

Mr. Rick Heller, unofficial representative of twice exceptional and print disabled, spoke to the accessibility of Council materials and website.

(03:03:07) Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ron Schara, Acting Chair

Date:

Denny McNamara, Secretary

Date: