

Agenda

Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council

Dates: Tuesday, June 16 and Wednesday June 17, 2009

Location: **Alexandria City Council Chamber, Alexandria, MN**

Address: 704 Broadway, Alexandria, MN

Chair: Mike Kilgore, Chair of the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council

Revised Thursday, June 11, 2009, 3:50 p.m.

Tuesday June 16 - Business Meeting and Public Comment Agenda:

1. Call to order – Chair 1:00 p.m.
2. Review and approve agenda
3. Approval of May 21, 2009 minutes
4. Personnel update
5. Administrative budget update
6. Approve Accomplishment Plans for 2009 appropriations
7. Review, amend and approve strategy for plan and F.Y. 2011 recommendations 1:20 p.m.
 - Review of strategy – staff
 - Council questions and discussion
 - Amendments to strategy
 - Adoption
8. Summer schedule review and adoption 2:20 p.m.
9. Public comment on priority uses of the Outdoor Heritage Fund 2:30 p.m.
10. Adjourn 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 17 Field Trip Agenda

Prairie Wetlands Learning Center

602 State Highway 210 East

Fergus Falls, MN 56537- 4217

1. **Presentation:** Wetland and related resource planning, restoration and enhancement 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Rex Johnson, Program Leader, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Fergus Falls,

MN

History of Minnesota wetlands and fundamental conservation planning at the landscape level - strategic wetland restoration, waterfowl migration and reproduction, restoration techniques, and the value of planning and restoring at the wetland complex level

Presentation plus questions and answers from the audience

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Place: Prairie Learning Center, Fergus Falls, MN

2. Field tour of wetland management in the area: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ridgeway WPA/Lejeune Habitat Easement - US Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Area and Habitat Easement with wetland restorations using ditch plugs, scrape outs and tile breaks, grassland/prairie restoration, invasive tree removal and habitat restoration. Partners include Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever who are partnering on adjacent new land acquisition.

SW Otter Tail County Habitat Complex - MN DNR Wildlife Management Area with food plot, wetland and grassland restoration along the Red River Valley Beach ridge. Partner projects in the area include USDA Wetland Reserve Program, BWSR RIM Easement, MN DNR Scientific and Natural Area, USFWS Waterfowl Production Area, Habitat Easement and Wetland Easement. Projects included Partnerships with the Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club, Pheasants Forever and others.

Ash Lake - Mud Lake Complex - MN DNR Designated Game Lake & Wildlife Management Area, USFWS Waterfowl Production Area & Habitat Easement. View designed drawdown facilities to be installed in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited. Discussion of impacts of invasive fish on prairie wetlands.

Legislative staff and members will be provided a box lunch for the field tour

3. Return to home 1:30 p.m.