## Dear LSOHC members:

Earlier today you received from Jacki a new DNR proposal entitled "Roseau Lake Rehabilitation." Jacki also attached an individual scoring sheet and asked that you attempt to rank this proposal and return your scoring prior to the August 11th meeting.

A very good question has been raised by more than one member. That question is "Why? They missed the deadline." The reason for this allowance is in a 2015 Legislative directive (ML2015, First Special Session, Chapter 4, Sect 140 - Water Retention Projects) that by August 1, 2015 the DNR Commissioner was to "develop proposals for significant large-scale projects that provide flood water retention, water quality improvements, nutrient and sediment reduction, and wildlife habitat for submission to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor heritage Council" (*plus CWC & LCCMR*) for funding in fiscal year 2017. The legislature also stipulated that any deadlines established by the LSOHC, CWC, or LCCMR are waived for purposes of the submissions.

DNR contacted us in late July for special online access to submit this late breaking request per their legislative directive. While more time would have been desirable, today is the first business day of the month and our first opportunity to forward the proposal to you.

Here is a link to the memo for agenda item #12 that quotes the session language (http://www.lsohc.leg.mn/materials/15\_Mtg/Aug11.15\_Item%2012.pdf). DNR's Jason Garms will be presenting at the upcoming August 11th meeting.

Thank you for your attention, for your understanding, and for your questions.

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