

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #5

DATE: August 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Accomplishment Plan Amendment
ML 2013, Ch. 137, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(b) Habitat Protection in Dakota County

PRESENTER: Lisa West, Senior Project Manager and Al Singer, Land Conservation Manager, Dakota Co

Motion

1. Rep McNamara has a motion on the table: "Motion by Rep. McNamara to accept the easement and instruct Dakota County to negotiate with the Grannis family to move the educational building within 5 years to the north east corner of the easement near the road. The boundaries of the easement would stay the same, and the restrictions in the current easement would stay the same."
Ms. Wilkens asked that a natural resources management plan come before the council for approval as part of the motion, and that without council approval of the management plan, the project could not move forward. Rep. McNamara accepted the addition of the natural resources management plan approval by the council, i.e., the LSOHC would be a third signatory on the final version of section 4.5 of the Permanent Natural Area Conservation Easement being considered on the property in question.
2. Previous motion: "Motion to approve / deny the accomplishment plan amendment as presented which would allow budget shifts to purchase the Grannis easement pending another DNR appraisal review and acceptance.

Background:

Dakota County presented at the June 29, 2016 council meeting. Members requested the Natural Resource Management Plan, which is attached. Dakota County wants to remind members that a final NRMP is required within six months of the acquisition and it will include cost estimates and scheduled implementation priorities.

In addition, documents provided at the June 29th meeting are attached, along with the previous staff memo, and a copy of the August 4 PowerPoint presentation provided by Dakota County.

Members can decide to approve the accomplishment plan submitted by Dakota County requesting budget shifts which allow additional monies in easement acquisition to acquire the Grannis parcel which was original to the accomplishment plan.

DNR has reviewed the easement appraisal and it was NOT approved, the letter is attached. Dakota County is working with DNR to understand and rectify the appraisal or provide a new one.

Attachments:

1. June 29th staff agenda memo including three Dakota County supporting documents and Accomplishment Plan
2. Preliminary Natural Resource Management Plan
3. Appraisal letter from DNR
4. Dakota County PowerPoint Presentation for August 4