

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: **Agenda Item #7**

DATE: December 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Approve requests to change the stewardship amounts in three BWSR appropriations

PRESENTER: Mark Johnson, Executive Director, LSOHC

Suggested Motion:

Move to approve the amendments to the appropriation laws as presented and for staff to approve accomplishment plan changes to accommodate the expected federal match.

Background:

Council members approved accomplishment plans for the following three appropriation prior to confirmation of federal CREP match. Since that time, federal CREP monies have been realized and the appropriation law needs to increase the stewardship amounts to reflect the increased match money going toward easements.

The revised Stewardship amounts for the following appropriations should be as follows:

ML16 RIM Wetlands

RIM Wetlands: Phase 7

ML 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(c)

Stewardship:

Was: up to \$195,000

CREP budget: up to \$410,000

Expected Leverage Amt: \$ 27,616,000

ML16 RIM Buffers

RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI

ML 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(g)

Stewardship:

Was: up to \$130,000

CREP budget: up to \$1,079,000

Expected Leverage Amt: \$ 33,553,400

ML15 RIM Buffers

Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase V

ML 2015, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(f)

Stewardship:

Was: up to \$72,500

CREP budget: up to \$728,000

Expected CRP Leverage: \$ 22,720,000

Appropriation Law changes to be inserted into the ML 2016 recommendations bill are as follows:

ML 2015, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2, is amended to read:

[2\(f\) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase V](#)

\$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements to protect and enhance habitat by expanding the clean water fund riparian buffer program for at least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private land. Up to ~~\$72,500~~ \$728,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

ML 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4, is amended to read:

[4\(c\) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VII](#)

\$13,808,000 the second year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands in permanent conservation easements and to restore wetlands and native grassland habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. Of this amount, up to ~~\$195,000~~ \$410,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

ML 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2, is amended to read:

[2\(g\) Reinvest In Minnesota \(RIM\) Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI](#)

\$6,708,000 the second year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance habitat by expanding the clean water fund riparian buffer program for at least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private land. Of this amount, up to ~~\$130,000~~ \$1,079,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.