## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #10

**DATE:** September 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** LSOHC Allocation / Recommendation

**PRESENTER:** Chairman Bob Anderson

## **Suggested Motion:**

Recommended the Chair's Proposal for allocations as discussed and amended to the 2017 Legislature. Staff will round appropriation amounts as appropriate.

## **Suggested Procedure:**

Place the Chair's Proposal before the council as the main motion for discussion. Council members may offer motions to amend the chair's proposal, add or delete projects or increase/decrease requests. Debate and vote on amendments. When there are no members with amendments, debate and vote on the main motion.

Motions dealing with individual requests require a majority of the members present. The main motion, to adopt a recommendation package for staff to use in bill drafting, requires nine votes.

## **Background:**

MS 97A.056, Subd. 3 directs the council to recommend to the legislature appropriations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

"The council shall make recommendations to the legislature on appropriations of money from the outdoor heritage fund that are consistent with the Constitution and state law and that will achieve the outcomes of existing natural resource plans, including, but not limited to, the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, that directly relate to the restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie. In making recommendations, the council shall consider a range of options that would best restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife."

This agenda item recommends allocations for projected funds available in the OHF for fiscal year 2018.

The chair will begin this process with the chair's proposal. This proposal is based on the pattern of allocation by each member provided to staff since the August request hearings. The chair's proposal is a main motion, open to modification by a motion to amend and a council vote.