

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #9

DATE: August 3, 2018

SUBJECT: Proposal Evaluations and Hearing Selection

Suggested Procedure: The council should discuss and decide:

1. Which proposals should be heard
2. How long each proposal presentation should be
3. Whether to hear DNR Contracts Management, Restoration Evaluation and CPL Programs

Background: The council has received 45 requests to use the Outdoor Heritage Fund income available beginning July 1, 2019. September 6 – 7, 2018 have been set aside to hear proposal presentations from managers of programs for which requests have been made. The council needs to decide on the scope and structure of the hearings over those days.

Three alternatives for hearing length:

Number of Proposals	Length of Hearing	# of hours **	# of days
45*	20 minutes	18 hrs with breaks	Day 1: 7:45 am – 6:00 pm Day 2: 8 am – 4:20 pm
45*	25 minutes	21 hrs with breaks	Day 1: 7:45 am – 6:00 pm Day 2: 8 am – 5:20 pm

*Includes DNR Contracts Management, Restoration Evaluation, and CPL Programs.

**Breaks include lunch (60 minutes) and morning/afternoon breaks (20 minutes each)

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4:00 PM	Council Members Review Allocation Process Guidelines				
4:20 PM	Opportunity for Public to Address the Council The public is asked to keep comments brief. To testify, contact Becky Enfield, 651-284-6430 / becky.enfield@lsohc.leg.mn.us				

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