

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #6

DATE: November 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Extension of Availability of Appropriation

ML 2016 5(j), Roseau Lake Rehabilitation (\$2,762,000 appropriation)

PRESENTER: Randy Prachar, MN DNR Area Wildlife Supervisor

Suggested Motion:

Motion by Councilmember X to approve/deny the legislative extension of appropriation availability for ML 2016 5(j), **Roseau Lake Rehabilitation** until June 30, 2022, to be included in the ML 2020 OHF recommendations bill.

Background Information (provided by Sandy Smith)

- No acquisition money spent to date – acquisition portion of the program ended in June 2019, restoration/enhancement portion of the appropriation ends June 2021 or 5 years after the acquisition
- \$468,900 has been spent to date on professional services (engineering, cultural and wetland delineation surveys etc) requirements needed prior to “moving dirt”
- Manager is requesting an extension until June 30, 2022 to complete the entire appropriation

The project manager was contacted after the August 2019 Status Update period regarding \$770,000 in unspent acquisition funds and inquired if binding agreements were in place. LSOHC Council Members were informed of the possible turn back of money at the August 7, 2019 meeting as part of the Status Update report.

Attached is a memo from the manager with details on the extension request.

Language for the appropriation bill:

Subd X. Carryforwards

- (a) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5, paragraph (j) for Roseau Lake Rehabilitation is extended to June 30, 2022.