

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item within Exec. Director's Report

**DATE:** June 20, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Informational: Itasca County request for minor conveyances (Blandin property)

**PRESENTER:** Mark Johnson, Executive Director

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### **Suggested Motion:**

No motion necessary. Barring objection by the Council or Legislative Leadership by or on June 20th, the conveyance will be granted by the Executive Director on behalf of Council in accordance with LSOHC Operating Procedure 8.2.a.

If the Council or Legislative leadership object, the request for conveyance will be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

### **Background:**

The MN DNR has informed LSOHC staff that Itasca County is proposing a County Road project that will impact lands owned by Blandin Paper Company over which the State holds a conservation easement which was funded in part with OHF monies. The County seeks a conversion of 3.86 acres of OHF eased Blandin forestland to Itasca County permanent road easement. In accordance with MN Statute 97A.056, subd. 15(b), the intent of a parcel purchase with OHF monies may not be altered, "without the prior review and approval of" LSOHC.

Granting of the conveyance will result in a reimbursement to the Outdoor Heritage Fund of \$1,591.94 for the OHF share of the estimated value of the easement based upon the original purchase and appropriation.

### **LSOHC Staff Action Taken:**

In concordance with procedure and law, staff has notified Legislative Leadership regarding potential granting of the conveyance and this inclusion in my report is notification to the Council of same. No further action is necessary by the Council. However, if the Council or Legislative Leadership object to the conveyance, the item will be suspended and placed upon the agenda of the next Council meeting.

Additional information (attachments):

May 7, 2019 notification letter from LSOHC staff to Legislative Leadership

April 26, 2019 notification letter from DNR

March 1, 2019 notification letter and attachments from Itasca County

May 22, 2019 General Project/Site Information – CSAH 60, provided by Itasca County