

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item #6

**DATE:** June 24, 2020

**SUBJECT:** ML 2020, Regular Session, [Chapter 104](#), Article 1, Section 2 Accomplishment Plans

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Move to approve all of the accomplishment plans for the ML 2020 appropriations as provided to members in an e-mail dated May 23 and June 18, 2020.

Council members may remove plans for further discussion and/or approval at an upcoming meeting.

### **Background:**

MS 97A.056, Subd. 12 requires recipients of Outdoor Heritage Funds to submit accomplishment plans to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in the form prescribed by the council for council approval. Those accomplishment plans are the deliverables tied to expenditure of the appropriation. Programs whose accomplishment plans conform to the submitted proposal and appropriation language are placed on the consent list.

In order to enable managers to start spending July 1, 2020, the council must approve the APs at the June 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

After the revised forecast that reduced the available money from OHF from \$137,500,000 to \$117,915,000, staff contacted managers to revise the plans based on the new amounts. All program plans were updated.

All managers receiving money in ML 2020 appropriation are up-to-date with status updates. Final Reports for ML 2015 are due November 1, 2020. Staff will report back at the November meeting with another update.

### **Attachments:**

Revised Draft [Accomplishment Plans](#) ML 2020

## **ML 2020 Accomplishment Plan Comparison – December 2019 to May 2020**

### **2a – DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XII --- OK**

Personnel stayed same, but DSS increased \$1,600 ... why? I thought was based on simple math calculation. Other budget categories reduced and appear to be reasonable.

### **2b – Accelerating the WMA Program, Phase XII --- OK**

Reductions across the board.

### **2c – MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase X --- OK**

Budget reductions in fee acquisition, contracts, and small amount to DSS. Remaining budget stayed the same. Reduction in total acreage from 18,500 to 14,350 (25% reduction).

### **2d – Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR, Phase XI --- OK**

Reductions across the board.

### **2e – Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration, Phase III --- OK**

Reductions across the board.

### **2f – Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition, Phase IV --- OK**

Reduction in fee acquisition budget line item only. Acreage output changed from 280 acres to 240 acres.

### **2g – RIM Grassland Reserve, Phase II --- OK**

No major changes. Reductions across the board with the majority of budget reduction in easement acquisition budget line.

### **2h – Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase VI --- OK**

Travel budget increased while remaining budget items reduced across the board.

### **2i – Heron Lake Area Conservation Partnership --- OK**

Easement funding and outputs stayed the same. Reductions in fee acquisition activities. Personnel and DSS reduced by \$2,800 total for entire project. Acre outputs follow overall appropriation reduction.

### **2j – Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex, Phase IX --- OK**

Personnel and DSS remained relatively unchanged. Majority of reductions in contracts and fee acquisition budget items. Acre output reduction of 17%.

**2k – Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program, Phase II --- OK**

Reductions seem appropriate.

**2l – DNR Grassland, Phase XII --- OK**

Roving crew funding unchanged. Majority of budget reductions in contracts and supplies/materials. Acreage outputs follow appropriation reduction.

**2m – Enhanced Public Land – Grasslands, Phase IV --- OK**

Reductions across the board.

**3a – Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program, Phase VIII --- OK**

Reductions in budget mostly in easement acquisition. Reduction in acreage outputs follow appropriation reduction.

**3b – SE MN Protection and Restoration, Phase VIII --- OK**

Reductions in contracts, fee and easement acquisition, and professional services. 21% acreage reduction. Majority in fee and easement acquisition.

**3c – Northern Forest Habitat Conservation --- OK --- Updated**

Need to change acre outputs in AP to 3,900 acres, not 4,600 acres. Reduction in fee-title acquisition budget item only. Acreage outputs in line with appropriation reduction.

**3d – DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement --- OK --- Updated**

Indicate work taking place in all ecoregions of state. Should only be in forest region of state. Personnel budget unchanged and balance of budget categories reduced. Acre outputs in line with appropriation reduction.

**3e – SE Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase II --- OK**

Metro/Urban eco region added. Reductions across the board.

**3f – Young Forest Conservation, Phase III --- OK**

Reductions across the board.

**4a – Accelerating the WPA Program, Phase XII --- OK**

Reductions across the board.

#### **4b – Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and Restoration Program, Phase IX**

DSS increased \$10,000 from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Personnel and DSS total reduced a total of \$10k. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

#### **4c – Wetland Habitat and Protection Program, Phase V --- OK**

Personnel and DSS increased from 14.12% of total budget to 16.20% of total budget. Acre output reductions in line with appropriation reduction.

#### **4d – Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement Phase 12 --- OK**

Removed pump purchase from capital equipment budget line and reduced contracts.

Small acreage reduction.

#### **5a – Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota’s North Shore --- OK**

Personnel and DSS increased \$500 going from 11.35% of total budget to 13.32% of total budget. Majority of budget reductions in easement acquisition and stewardship. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

#### **5b – Metro Big Rivers, Phase X --- OK**

Budget and acreage reductions realized in TPL partner budget and output. TPL budget reduced in Fee acquisition line item only. Total leverage as % increased by 1.33%. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

#### **5c – Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout - OK**

MLT personnel and DSS stayed the same. Easement acre outputs stayed the same. MNTU personnel and DSS stayed the same. TPL personnel and DSS stayed the same. Total personnel and DSS increased from 16.96% of total to 19.16%

#### **5d – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central MN Lake, Phase VI --- OK --- Updated**

Need to update abstract with correct acreage. Personnel and DSS stayed the same increasing from 8.65% of total budget to 10.09% of total budget. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

#### **5e – Accelerating Habitat Conservation in SW MN --- OK**

Personnel and DSS increased from 8.94% of total budget to 10.13% of total budget. Acre reduction realized in easement acquisition outputs.

**5f – Targeted RIM Easement Program to the Ind. Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds, Phase I --- OK**

Crow Wing SWCD budget remained the same. Budget reductions realized in BWSR partner budget. Personnel and DSS increased from 10.79% of total budget to 12.40% of total budget. Acreage outputs reduced from 1,400 acres to 900 acres (36% reduction).

**5g – Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase IV --- OK**

Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction. Slight personnel and DSS reductions.

**5h – Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program, Phase II --- OK**

Who will manage the easement? (December 2019) Minnesota Land Trust

Who will manage the easement? (May 2020) Land owners will retain decision-making authority over management activities on their eased property. Hennepin County will be the primary contact for easement land owners, make management recommendations, assist with planning, and provide technical and financial assistance (when available) on land management activities. The Minnesota Land Trust will include easements in their Stewardship program and defend them forever.

**5i – MN Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enh. And Rest., Phase XII --- OK**

Matching funds stayed the same! Personnel, DSS, Travel, and Other equipment budget items stayed the same. Budget reductions in contracts, professional services, and supplies/materials. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

**5j – DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase III --- OK**

Matching funds stayed the same! Personnel and DSS increased from 22.97% of total appropriation to 26.59%. Budget reductions realized in contracts budget line. 36% reduction in acre outputs.

**5k – St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase VII --- OK**

Personnel and DSS increased from 37.79% of appropriation to 43.48%. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

**5l – Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase V --- OK**

Matching funds stayed the same! Acre outputs stayed the same! Personnel budget unchanged.

**5m – Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program, Phase IX --- OK**

Removed 20 acres of streambank habitat enhancement. Leverage stayed the same! Personnel unchanged. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

**5n – Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement using Bioengineering Bank Stabilization --- OK**

Budget reductions across the board. Acre outputs stayed the same!

**5o – Roseau River Habitat Restoration --- OK**

Budget reductions across the board. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

**5p – Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase II --- OK**

MLT personnel unchanged. Acre output reduction in line with appropriation reduction.

**5q – Southeast Wetland Restoration --- OK**

Budget reductions across the board. Acre outputs stayed the same!

**5r – Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Phase XII --- OK**

Budget reductions realized in contracts budget line.