

**MINUTES**  
**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Remote Meeting via Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D.021 and MS 13D.04**

**Call to Order:** Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:09am.

**Members Present**

David Hartwell (Chair)  
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)  
Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn  
Kristin Eggerling  
Rep. Dan Fabian  
Mark Holsten  
Sen. Andrew Lang  
Denny McNamara  
Ashley Peters  
Tom Saxhaug  
Jamie Swenson  
Sen. David Tomassoni

**Members Absent**

NONE

A quorum was present.

**1. Review and Approve Agenda:** Councilmember Eggerling made a motion to approve the agenda. A rollcall vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell  
Schara  
Rep. Becker-Finn  
Eggerling  
Rep. Fabian  
Holsten  
Sen. Lang  
McNamara  
Peters  
Saxhaug  
Swenson  
Sen. Tomassoni

NAY:

12 AYES, 0 NAYS – **Motion Prevailed**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes:** Councilmember McNamara made a motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2019. A rollcall vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Schara

Rep. Becker-Finn

Eggerling

Rep. Fabian

Sen. Lang

McNamara

Peters

Saxhaug

Swenson

Sen. Tomassoni

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Holsten

11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTAIN – **Motion Prevailed**

**3. Conflicts of Interest Reported:** No conflicts of interested regarding today’s agenda were reported by members.

**4. Executive Director’s Report:** Executive Director Mark Johnson provided information on several conveyances that have recently been approved or are pending approval, along with information about several other miscellaneous items related to Council business.

**5. ML 2020 Legislative Recap/Update:** Executive Director Mark Johnson, along with Senator Lang and Representative Becker-Finn, provided a recap of the 2020 Legislative Session.

- Mr. Johnson reported that the LSOHC bill successfully passed, at a total cost of \$117.9 million. This was a reduction from the original funding amount in the bill, due to adjusted revenue forecasts, however Mr. Johnson emphasized the fact that this reduction did not affect the viability of any of the proposals in the bill.
- Mr. Johnson also reported that the bill provided legislation mandating the live streaming of all LSOHC meetings for public viewing purposes – including offsite meetings when practicable.
- Mr. Johnson informed the Council of legislation that was passed regarding the extension of appropriation availability due to COVID-19. This legislation allows appropriations that are set to lapse, cancel, or expire by 6/30/2020 to be extended for an additional year to 6/30/2021. In order to participate in the extension, Project Managers must inform staff that they would like to use the extension available to them, and provide an amendment regarding the extension details. Staff will then contact the commissioners of MMB and DNR to inform them of the appropriation extension for specific projects.

**6. Approval of ML 2020 Accomplishment Plans:** Assistant Director Joe Pavelko gave an overview of budgetary adjustments made to the ML 2020 Accomplishment Plans by Project Managers. Council questions followed.

**Action:** Councilmember Eggerling made a motion to approve the ML 2020 Accomplishment Plans, carving out Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and Restoration pending additional information.

Council Member McNamara asked that the vote be delayed in order to give staff time to reach out to the project in question, in hopes that more information could be provided before the end of the meeting. **Vote Delayed**

**7. Discussion Regarding ML 2021/FY 2022 Proposals:** Executive Director Mark Johnson, along with Chair Hartwell and Vice-Chair Schara gave an overview of items pertinent to the ML 2021/FY 2022 proposal process.

- Mr. Johnson reported that there had been a total of 53 Proposals submitted to the Council for consideration. Staff will mail binders to Councilmembers who requested them as soon as all proposals are finalized.
- Chair Hartwell and Vice-Chair Schara gave an overview of their meeting with DNR regarding Roving Crew proposals.
- Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the scoring process and criteria that the Council will use for proposals. Council Members shared their personal processes for scoring.
- Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the meeting location options (virtual vs. in person) currently being considered for the September Hearings. Council Member discussion followed.
- Project Analyst Manager Sandy Smith gave an overview of the Council timeline leading up to the September Hearings.

**6. Approval of ML 2020 Accomplishment Plans (continued):** Jon Schneider from Ducks Unlimited provided information regarding the Shallow Lake and Wetlands Protection and Restoration budget adjustments to the ML 2020 Accomplishment Plan.

**Action:** Council Member Eggerling renewed her motion to approve the ML 2020 Accomplishment Plans, removing the carve-out of the Shallow Lake and Wetlands Protection and Restoration, and instead moving that all ML 2020 Accomplishment plans, as most recently submitted to the Council, be approved. A rollcall vote was taken.

AYE:

NAY:

Hartwell

Schara

Rep. Becker-Finn

Eggerling

Rep. Fabian

Holsten

Sen. Lang

McNamara

Peters

Saxhaug

Swenson

Sen. Tomassoni

12 AYES, 0 NAYS – **Motion Prevailed**

**8. Public Comments:** Mr. Barton Winter testified in support of trout stream easements in the area of Lanesboro, Minnesota.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.

APPROVED:

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David Hartwell, Chair

Date

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Denny McNamara, Secretary

Date