

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
August 5th, 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 8:00am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn
Kristin Eggerling
Rep. Dan Fabian
Mark Holsten
Sen. Andrew Lang (joined at 8:07am)
Denny McNamara
Ashley Peters
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson
Sen. David Tomassoni

Members Absent

NONE

A quorum was present.

1. Review and Approve Agenda: Chair Hartwell made a motion to approve the agenda. A rollcall vote was taken.

AYE:

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

NAY:

ABSENT:

Sen. Lang

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

2. Review and Approve Minutes: Councilmember McNamara made a motion to approve the minutes from June 24, 2020. A rollcall vote was taken.

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

NAY:

ABSENT:
Sen. Lang

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

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

4. Chair’s Comments: Chair Hartwell provided information on several items of interest to the Council including the September hearings, the order of roll call votes, and the ongoing Roseau Lake project.

5. Executive Director’s Report: Executive Director Mark Johnson provided further information regarding the Roseau Lake project, along with information about the statutory letter that must be sent to all Minnesota counties annually, and several other miscellaneous items related to Council business. Council Member McNamara and Rep. Fabian also provided further clarification regarding the Roseau Lake project.

6. Legacy Fund 2019 Restoration Evaluation Report: Wade Johnson, Program Coordinator with MN DNR and Gina Quiram, Restoration Evaluation Specialist with MN DNR provided an update on 2019 Legacy Fund Restoration Evaluations. Council questions followed.

7. Amendment Request: Executive Director Mark Johnson provided information regarding an Accomplishment Plan Amendment Request that had been submitted to LSOHC staff for ML2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd, 3(a) – Protecting Strategic Forestlands Near Camp Ripley.

- Mr. Johnson stated that, although accomplishment plan amendments are not typically brought before the Council, because this amendment included new language around possible trail development on the property which was not included in the original allocation, LSOHC staff felt it best to seek the Council’s approval.
- Emilee Nelson - MN Representative with The Conservation Fund, Kim Berns-Melhus - MN State Director with The Conservation Fund, Ryan Simonson - Environmental

Supervisor for Crow Wing County, and Crow Wing County Commissioner Steve Barrows all gave further information regarding the requested amendment. Council questions followed.

Action: Council Member Swenson made a motion to accept the amendment to the Accomplishment Plan with an amendment to remove the no net gain trail language and replace it with language indicating that new trails could be developed in the future in accordance with Crow Wing County’s forestry management practices or the forestry management document they use.

Further Council discussion followed.

Council Member Swenson withdrew her motion with direction to staff to have The Conservation Fund and Crow Wing County work with staff on new language regarding the no net gain of trails, and bring the amendment forward again at a future Council meeting. **Motion Withdrawn**

Further Council discussion followed.

Action: Vice-Chair Schara made a motion to approve the amendment as submitted with the clarification that the amendment is for this particularly property only and not for the entire appropriation. A roll call vote was taken.

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

7 AYES, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

8. Discussion Regarding ML21/FY22 Proposals & Sept Hearing dates/format: Chair Hartwell gave Members an overview of various discussion topics regarding the ML21/FY22 LSOHC Hearings for funding requests.

- Assistant Director Joe Pavelko, along with DNR LSOHC Liaison Kelly Wilder, and DNR Prairie Habitat Supervisor Greg Hoch gave an overview and explanation of the two different types of Roving Habitat Crew proposals that have been submitted to the Council for ML21/FY22. Staff is directed to work with DNR to provide a more detailed

dollar request comparison between the current Roving Crew model and the newly submitted stand-alone Roving Crew proposal.

- Chair Hartwell gave an overview of the four different format options being considered for the upcoming September hearings: In person, Remote (Zoom), Hybrid, and Postponement. Chair Hartwell also suggested limiting presentations to 15 min total – including both presentation and Council questions. Council discussion followed.

Action: Council Member Saxhaug made a motion that the LSOHC September Hearings be held remotely by Zoom. A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Rep. Becker-Finn

Eggerling

McNamara

Peters

Saxhaug

NAY:

Schara

Rep. Fabian

Holsten

Sen. Lang

Swenson

ABSENT:

Sen. Tomassoni

6 AYES, 5 NAYS, 1 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

- Chair Hartwell reiterated the fact that the September hearings will be held by Zoom, and presentations will be 15 min in length, with 5 min for presenters to give their formal presentation, and 10 min for the Council to ask questions. Chair Hartwell also stated that PowerPoint presentations will not be allowed, however presenters may submit PowerPoint slides as an additional handout if they so wish.
- The Council discussed which proposals should be brought in for hearings, and it was determined that all submitted proposals will be given a hearing, with the exception of the two specific proposals that have Roving Crews attached. In this case, the Council will hear the standalone Roving Crew proposal only, and call in the proposals with Roving Crews attached if needed.

9. Public Comments: No public comments were submitted to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Denny McNamara, Secretary

Date