

**MINUTES**  
**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)**  
**October 1, 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 8:03am.

**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 9:00am)  
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 – **Motion Prevailed**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes:** Councilmember McNamara made a motion to approve the minutes from August 31, September 1, September 2, and September 3, 2020 – **Motion Prevailed**

**3. Conflicts of Interest Reported:** Chair Hartwell report two conflicts of interest and Councilmember Peters reported three conflicts of interest regarding the current ML 2021/FY 2022 proposals to the Council.

**4. Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Mark Johnson provided an update for the Council on several items of business.

- Mr. Johnson stated that he has been meeting regularly with the directors of the Clean Water Fund (CWF), Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Police (SMWP), and Legislative Citizen's Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) in order to help facilitate increased collaboration and communication between the four groups.
- Mr. Johnson also notified the Council of current LCC Director Greg Hubinger's retirement and the recent hiring of Michelle Weber, current director of the Legislative Budget Office, as Mr. Hubinger's replacement.
- Information was also provided by Mr. Johnson on several presentations the Council will hear at upcoming meetings in November and December: Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the MN deer population, DNR coordination with partner organizations on LSOHC projects, and a

presentation from DNR Grants Management regarding variability in Direct Support Services (DSS) numbers.

**5. Review of Draft 2021 Council Calendar:** Chair Hartwell asked that all councilmembers review the current Council 2021 calendar draft and report any conflicts to staff prior to the November 19, 2020 meeting. Based on conflicts submitted, an updated calendar draft will be provided for Council review at that time.

**7. Public Comments:** Commission Assistant Amanda Schnabel read a written public comment received by the Council from the Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas (FMSNA).

**6. Chairs' Proposal Recommendation and Allocation Selection:** Councilmembers discussed the ML 2021/FY 2022 funding recommendations put forth in the Chairs' Proposal.

**Action:** Chair Hartwell placed the Chairs' Proposal as currently outlined and provided to the Council on the table. Chair Hartwell also stated that in addition to project funding, FY 2022 & FY 2023 Administrative Budget amounts (\$546,000 and \$553,000 respectively) and FY 2022 & FY 2023 LCC Website costs (\$4,000 and \$3,000 respectively) were also included in the proposal.

Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Council Member Saxhaug made a motion to amend the Chairs' Proposal to include all ML 2021/FY 2022 proposals that received an allocation from at least seven councilmembers, with the exception of Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation-Phase VI (HRE 05) which received seven allocations, but fell under the \$400,000 recommended funding threshold.

Further Council discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

11 AYES, 1 NAY – **Motion Prevailed**

**Action:** Representative Fabian made a motion that the remaining \$407,000 in funds be allocated to Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation-Phase VI (HRE 05).

Council discussion followed.

Representative Fabian amended his motion to allocate \$400,000 to Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation-Phase VI (HRE 05) and all remaining funds to Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program (CPL). A roll call vote was taken.

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

**8 AYES, 4 NAYS – Motion Prevailed**

**Action:** Chair Hartwell made a motion to adopt the Chairs’ Proposal as amended, with the additional clarification that funding the DNR Roving Crews at the \$4.5 million level in the Chairs’ proposal would also include the expectation that the Council approve any future Accomplishment Plan amendments needed by the DNR in order to repurpose existing Roving Crew funds to allow for more flexibility. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27am.

APPROVED:

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David Hartwell, Chair

Date

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Denny McNamara, Secretary

Date