

**MINUTES**  
**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)**  
**November 19, 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 8:02am.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Sen. Andrew Lang

A quorum was present.

**1. Review and Approve Agenda:** Representative Fabian made a motion to approve the agenda – **Motion Prevailed**

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

**3. Conflicts of Interest Reported:** No new conflicts of interest were reported by Councilmembers. Previous reports of conflicts still stand.

**4. Chair's Comments:** Chair David Hartwell provided information for the Council regarding the discussion of submitted ML 2021/FY 2022 Accomplishment Plans taking place later in the meeting.

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

- Mr. Jonson informed the Council that there had been a request made by a member of the public for closed captioning of today's virtual meeting, and gave Members a brief overview of the process.
- Notification was also provided by Mr. Johnson of upcoming January 2021 Councilmember term expirations: Mr. David Hartwell (Appointed by Governor), Ms. Jamie Swenson (Appointed by Governor), Mr. Denny McNamara (Appointed by House), Mr. Mark Holsten (Appointed by Senate). Mr. Johnson stated that all public members are welcome to reapply to the Council through the Minnesota Secretary of State's website if they so choose.
- Mr. Johnson also notified the Council of Representative Fabian's upcoming retirement and thanked him for his service.

**6. Presentation – An Overview of CWD in Minnesota:** Dr. Michelle Carstensen, Wildlife Health Group Leader and Acting Wildlife Research Manager with Minnesota DNR provided an overview for the Council of Chronic Wasting Disease in Minnesota’s wild deer population, along with further information regarding surveillance and management efforts. Council questions followed.

**7. Review and Progress ML 2021/FY 2022 Draft Accomplishment Plans:** Executive Director Mark Johnson gave an overview of staff notes regarding budget variations seen in submitted ML 2021/FY 2022 Accomplishment Plans, and notified councilmembers that Project Managers were available in the meeting should the Council wish further clarification on any of the submitted plans. Council discussion and questions followed.

**Action:** Councilmember Saxhaug made a motion to follow the recommendation of staff in moving the ML 2021/FY 2022 Accomplishment Plans forward and proceed with drafting the bill.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

**8. Review and Approval of Draft 2021 Council Calendar:** Executive Director Mark Johnson provided Councilmembers an overview of changes made to the 2021 Council Calendar draft in order to accommodate conflicts submitted by several members. Councilmember Eggerling stated that she had a conflict with one of the newly proposed dates. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Councilmember Eggerling made a motion to approval the current 2021 calendar draft, with the understanding that the Council meeting currently scheduled for January 15, 2021 would be amended by staff to instead take place on January 11, 2021.

A roll call 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, 1 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

**9. Metro Big Rivers Phased Program Progress Report:** Deb Loon, Executive Director of MN Valley Trust, Inc. gave the Council an overview of the progress made on the Metro Big Rivers Phased Program.

**10. Marsh Lake Enhancement Progress Report:** Dave Trauba, Regional Wildlife Manager at the Minnesota DNR gave the Council an overview of the progress made on the Marsh Lake Enhancement Program.

**11. Public Comments:** Chair Hartwell announced that no public comments had been submitted to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23am.

APPROVED:

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David Hartwell, Chair

Date

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Denny McNamara, Secretary

Date