

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
January 11, 2021
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 10:03am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn
Sen. D. Scott Dibble
Kristin Eggerling
Mark Holsten
Denny McNamara
Ashley Peters
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson

Members Absent

Rep. Dan Fabian
Sen. Andrew Lang

A quorum was present.

1. Review and Approve Agenda: Representative Becker-Finn made a motion to approve the agenda –
Motion Prevailed

7. Acquisition of Parcels with Existing Partial State / Federal Ownership: Assistant Director Joe Pavelko informed the Council of several OHF projects requesting approval to acquire land parcels with existing partial State/Federal ownership. Mr. Pavelko provided additional information regarding the projects and stated that, due to a change in interpretation of MN Statute 97A.056 Subd. 9 by MN DNR, the current recommendation is that all projects wishing to acquire parcels with existing partial State/Federal ownership come before the Council for approval.

Action: Councilmember McNamara made a motion to approve the acquisition of the parcels before the Council despite their existing partial State/Federal ownership.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

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

NAY:

ABSENT:

Rep. Fabian
Sen. Lang

10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

2. Review and Approve Minutes: Councilmember Holsten made a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 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 informed the Council that Governor Tim Walz has indicated that he will make his LSOHC appointments in February. Chair Hartwell stated that there has been no indication given from the House of Representatives as to when they will make their appointments.

5. Executive Director's Report: Assistant Director Joe Pavelko welcomed recent LSOHC Senate appointees – newly appointed legislative member Sen. D. Scott Dibble, and reappointed public member Mr. Mark Holsten – and provided an update for the Council on several items of business:

- Mr. Pavelko reiterated that staff had not yet received information from the House of Representatives indicating when Council appointments can be expected, but stated that Governor Walz had indicated that he will make his appointments in February.
- Notification was provided by Mr. Pavelko on the Legislative Coordinating Commission's current closed captioning policy for remote meetings. Mr. Pavelko stated that live captioning for meetings will be provided upon advanced request from the public. In the event of no advanced request, captioning will be provided after the fact on all livestream videos archived on the LSOHC YouTube page. Mr. Pavelko noted that a captioning request for today's meeting had been submitted late the previous Friday afternoon, however attempts to secure captioning at that point were unsuccessful due to the proximity of the request to the meeting itself.
- Mr. Pavelko appraised Councilmembers that the ML 2021/FY 2022 OHF bill draft is in its final stages and will be delivered to the Legislature and Governor by January 15, 2021 per OHF statutory requirements.
- Mr. Pavelko also noted that the MN DNR yearly Round Table is scheduled for Jan 22, 2021 and instructed Members to reach out to LSOHC staff if they had not yet received an email invitation.
- Mr. Pavelko drew the Council's attention to two suggested date changes to the LSOHC 2021 Tentative Calendar: Dec 1 meeting moved to Dec 8 in order to accommodate the December fiscal forecast, and Nov 11 meeting moved to Nov 15 in order to give program managers fair and ample time to submit Accomplishment Plans after funding selection.

Rep. Becker-Finn noted that she had been reappointed to the Council by Representative Rick Hansen as his designee as of the previous Friday.

6. Approve ML2022 / FY2023 Call for Funding Request: Assistant Director Joe Pavelko gave the Council an overview of the ML 2022/FY 2023 Call for Funding Request draft. Council discussion followed.

Action: Councilmember Saxhaug made a motion to approve the ML 2022/FY 2023 Call for Funding Request with the understanding that staff will add a question to the application that indicates how a reduction in funding levels would affect staffing/outcomes.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:
Hartwell
Schara
Sen. Dibble
Eggerling
Holsten
Peters
Saxhaug
Swenson

NAY:

ABSENT:
Rep. Becker-Finn
Rep. Fabian
Sen. Lang
McNamara

8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

8. Requests for Appropriation Extensions: Chair David Hartwell noted that all appropriations currently requesting extensions before the Council were fairly routine and reminded Members that they had received information on the extension requests in their meeting materials. Council discussion followed.

Action: Councilmember Eggerling made a motion to approval all six requests for appropriation extension currently before the Council.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:
Hartwell
Schara
Sen. Dibble
Eggerling
Holsten
McNamara
Peters
Saxhaug
Swenson

NAY:

ABSENT:
Rep. Becker-Finn
Rep. Fabian
Sen. Lang

9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

10. Public Comments: Commission Assistant Amanda Schnabel delivered verbal testimony from Mr. Rick Heller regarding ADA accessibility of Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council virtual meetings and meeting materials.

9. Presentation – U of M Outdoor Heritage Fund Outcomes Report: Ryan Noe, PhD., Senior Scientist with the University of MN and Christina Locke, PhD., Senior Scientist with the University of MN provided an overview for the Council of the completed OHF Outcomes Report, which was used to study and assess outcomes of OHF investments made in the first 10 years of the program. Council discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28am.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Denny McNamara, Secretary

Date