

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
July 29, 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 8:00am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn
Sen. D. Scott Dibble
Dudley Edmondson
Kristin Eggerling
Rep. Josh Heintzeman
Mark Holsten
Sen. Andrew Lang
Ashley Peters
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson

Members Absent

NONE

A quorum was present.

1. Review and Approve Agenda: Vice Chair Schara made a motion to approve the agenda – **Motion Prevailed**

2. Review and Approve Minutes: Member Saxhaug made a motion to approve the minutes from June 16, 2021 – **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 gave the Council an overview of several items that would be discussed as part of the day's agenda.

5. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Mark Johnson provided information for the Council regarding the recent passage of the ML 21/FY 22 Legacy Omnibus bill, the status of the Potlatch lands discussion with MN DNR, the current Legislative Coordinating Commission guidance/additional factors surrounding in person meetings, and several other miscellaneous items related to Council business. Project Analyst Manager Sandy Smith also provided additional information on COVID extensions and carryforward extensions in the ML 21/FY 22 Legacy Omnibus bill. Council discussion followed.

6. ML 2022 / FY 2023 OHF Project Proposals: Chair David Hartwell gave the Council an overview of ML 22/FY 23 Member scoring submissions, outlined the typical proposal hearing process, and asked for Council input regarding which proposals they would like to bring in for the upcoming September hearings. Council discussion followed.

Action: Councilmember Swenson made a motion that the Council hear all 50 proposals, minus the two administrative proposals – Restoration Evaluations and Contract Management, in 15-minute intervals over two days beginning at 8:00am and concluding around 5:30pm with breaks and Council discussion time included.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:	NAY:	ABSENT:
Hartwell		
Schara		
Rep. Becker-Finn		
Sen. Dibble		
Edmondson		
Eggerling		
Rep. Heintzeman		
Holsten		
Sen. Lang		
Peters		
Saxhaug		
Swenson		

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

7. Presentation – Retrospective: Coordinated Forest Habitat and Water Quality Protection: Dan Steward with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) provided an overview for the Council of the One Watershed, One Plan program and other tools that have been used by BWSR over the years to facilitate water quality protection. Council discussion followed.

8 A. Presentation – Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project: Josh Kavanagh with Minnesota DNR and Jeremy Pfeifer with Kandiyohi County provided an overview for the Council of the completed ML 2017, Ch. 91, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(h) Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project. Council discussion followed.

8 B. Presentation – Conservation Partner Legacy Grant Projects – Three Rivers Park District: John Moriarty with Three Rivers Park District provided an overview for the Council of multiple Three Rivers Park District projects that have utilized both Lessard-Sams funding and Conservation Partner Legacy Grant funding. Council discussion followed.

9. Public Comments: Chair David Hartwell reported that no public comments had been submitted to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09am.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date