

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
Thursday, September 2, 2021
Skyview Pavilion, Clifton E. French Regional Park
12605 Rockford Road
Plymouth, MN 55441

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
Sen. D. Scott Dibble
Dudley Edmondson
Kristin Eggerling
Mark Holsten
Ashley Peters
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson

Members Absent

Rep. Josh Heintzeman
Sen. Andrew Lang

A quorum was present.

1. Review and Approve Agenda: Councilmember Saxhaug made a motion to approve the agenda –
Motion Prevailed

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

3. Chair's Comments: Chair David Hartwell informed Members that the day's format would be much the same as the previous day's.

4. Hearings for Funding Requests: Members heard the following proposals.

FA01 – Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting Wildlife Habitat at the Edge of the Boundary Waters: \$1,805,000
Chris Knopf and Hudson Ledeen, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness

FA02 – Minnesota Forest Recovery Project: Phase II: \$9,579,900
Jim Manolis, Chris Dunham, and Michael Pressman The Nature Conservancy
Nate Eide, Lake County

FA03 – 2022 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Phase X: \$8,450,000
Shannon Wettstein, Morrison SWCD
Brigadier General Lowell Kruse and Josh Pennington, Camp Ripley
Todd Holman, The Nature Conservancy
Bill Penning, BWSR

FA04 – Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase IX: \$3,919,900
Christine Ostern, MN DNR

FA05 – Big Woods Protection at Stieg Woods: \$1,108,000
Mayor Rick Ihli, Steve Stahmer , and John Seifert, City of Rogers

WA01 – Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XIV: \$11,929,000
Will Clayton, Pheasants Forever, Inc.
Scott Glup, US Fish and Wildlife Service

WA02 – Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 7: \$6,629,000
Bev Rinke, Emilia Kenow, and Sheldon Myerchin, Minnesota Land Trust

WA03 – Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase VIII: \$2,000,000
Bill Penning, BWSR

7. Public Comments: Rich Sve, Lake County Board of Commissioners and Matthew Huddleston, Lake County Administrator testified in opposition to ML22/FY23 project proposal FA01 – Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting Wildlife Habitat at the Edge of the Boundary.

4. Hearings for Funding Requests (cont.):

WA04 – Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program - Phase XI: \$9,960,000
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited

WA05 – RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Region:
\$10,000,000
John Voz, BWSR

WRE01 – Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase VIII: \$12,940,000
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited
Stacy Salvavold, US Fish and Wildlife Service

WRE02 – DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 14: \$4,102,000
Ricky Lien, Josh Kavanagh, and John Miley, MN DNR

PA01 – Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XIV: \$13,852,300
Sabin Adams and Alex Nelson, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PA02 – RIM Grasslands Reserve Phase IV: \$9,000,000
John Voz, BWSR

PA03 – Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase VIII: \$9,857,000
Bill Faber, MN Prairie Chicken Society
Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PA04 – MN Prairie Recovery Program Phase 12: \$10,100,000
Neal Feeken, The Nature Conservancy

PA05 – Enhanced Public Land - Open Landscapes - Phase II: \$4,353,400
David Pauly, Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society
Becca Kludt and Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PA06 – RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase X: \$10,000,000
Dusty Van Thuyne and Sharon Doucette, BWSR

PA07 – Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII: \$6,584,100
Ruth Thornton, The Nature Conservancy
Scott Glup, US Fish and Wildlife Service

PA08 – Martin County DNR WMA Phase 6: \$6,803,600
Doug Hartke, Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
Emilee Nelson, The Conservation Fund
John Lindstrom, Ducks Unlimited

PRE01 – DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase 14: \$10,396,700
Greg Hoch, MN DNR
Scott Glup, US Fish and Wildlife Service

6. Council Discussion: The Council discussed projects heard throughout the day and other relevant topics.

5. Program Status Updates Report: Project Analyst Manager Sandy Smith gave the Council an update on the progress of LSOHC programs that are currently open.

6. Council Discussion: Continued Council discussion followed the Program Status Updates Report.

Action: Council Member Eggerling made a motion that a 6% reserve be kept when determining the total ML22/FY23 allocation amount available from the Outdoor Heritage Fund – **Motion Prevailed**

Continued Council discussion followed.

7. Public Comments: There were no additional public comments made or submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07pm.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date