

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
November 3, 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)
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

Ron Schara (Vice Chair)

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 Saxhaug made a motion to approve the minutes from October 7, 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 Hartwell gave the Council an overview of the draft accomplishment plan discussion to take place later in the meeting.
- 5. Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Mark Johnson provided information for the Council on a Washington County buckthorn removal site tour attended by staff and Councilmember Holsten, an update on the LSOHC staff office suite move, and an overview of the Prairie Plan presentation that would take place later in the meeting.
- 6. Review & Approval of 2022 Council Calendar:** Commission Assistant Amanda Schnabel reported that there had been two additional 2022 Calendar conflicts submitted by Councilmember Saxhaug – one with the proposed May 25 meeting and one with the proposed October 19 meeting – and noted that Member Saxhaug had requested that the October meeting be moved to earlier in the month if possible.

Action: Councilmember Saxhaug made a motion to approve the current draft of the 2022 Council Calendar, with direction to staff to work to adjust the October 19 meeting to accommodate the submitted conflict if possible.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Rep. Becker-Finn

Sen. Dibble

Edmondson

Eggerling

Rep. Heintzeman

Holsten

Peters

Saxhaug

Swenson

NAY:

ABSENT:

Schara

Sen. Lang

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

7. Presentation – IDP (Initial Development Plan) – In Depth Review: Joe Stangel, SW Assistant Regional Wildlife Manager with MN DNR, Jennifer Olson, IDP Coordinator with MN DNR, Eran Sandquist with Pheasants Forever, Jon Schneider with Ducks Unlimited, Bob McGillivray with Trust for Public Lands, DJ Forbes with Trust for Public Lands, and Kelly Wilder, Policy & Planning Supervisor, Fish & Wildlife Division with MN DNR provided information for the Council regarding the Initial Development Plan (IDP) process and IDP coordination between MN DNR and partner organizations. Council discussion followed.

8. Review and Progress DRAFT Accomplishment Plans for ML2022 / FY2023: Chair David Hartwell initiated a discussion regarding the draft Accomplishment Plans submitted to the Council by Project Managers. Project Analyst Manager Sandy Smith and Executive Director Mark Johnson gave the Council further information on the submitted Accomplishment Plans. Council discussion followed.

Action: Councilmember Mark Holsten made a motion to progress the draft Accomplishment Plans with the exception of MN Prairie Recovery Program Phase 12 (PA04), Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VIII (HA02), Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 11 (HA09), and Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership (HA10), which were directed to work with staff prior to the December 9 Council meeting to provide additional clarity on their current scaling and explore the possibility of additional scaling.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAY:

ABSENT:
Schara

11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

9. Presentation – MN Prairie Plan – Where have we been, where are we now?: Greg Hoch, Prairie Habitat Supervisor with MN DNR, Angela Miner, Prairie Recovery Specialist with The Nature Conservancy, and Judy Schulte, Prairie Biologist with MN DNR provided an overview for the Council on the history and progress of the MN Prairie Conservation Plan. Council discussion followed.

10. Public Comments: Commission Assistant Amanda Schnabel reported that no public comments had been submitted to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21am.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date