

**MINUTES**  
**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)**  
**December 9, 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  
Ashley Peters  
Tom Saxhaug  
Jamie Swenson

**Members Absent**

Sen. Andrew Lang

A quorum was present.

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

**2. Review and Approve Minutes:** Councilmember Saxhaug made a motion to approve the minutes from November 3, 2021 – **Motion Prevailed**

**3. Conflicts of Interest Reported:** No new conflicts of interest were reported by Councilmembers. Chair Hartwell reiterated his previous conflicts with the Dakota County and Audubon proposals and Councilmember Peters reiterated her conflict with the Audubon proposal as well. Previous reports of conflicts still stand.

**4. Chair's Comments:** Chair Hartwell noted that the November fiscal forecast showed additional OHF funds available and advised that he and Vice Chair Schara had worked with Council staff to create a recommendation proposal regarding the additional funds, which would be presented for Council consideration later in the meeting.

**5. Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Mark Johnson provided information to the Council regarding several items of business including:

- A proposed permanent access easement on DNR held OHF lands in Lake County which would secure access on existing forest management roads for any future landowners of property. Mr. Johnson stated that MN DNR approves of the proposed easement and considers the request to be noncontroversial.

- An upcoming non-quorum meeting between the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the Clean Water Council on January 6, 2022. Mr. Johnson noted that there was space for one additional LSOHC Councilmember.
- An update on DNR’s possible purchase of Potlatch/The Conservation Fund (TCF)/Heritage Forest lands. Mr. Johnson noted that staff, Chair Hartwell, and Councilmember Holsten met with DNR and TCF representatives and noted that further discussion would take place at the January 19, 2022 Council meeting. Council discussion followed.

**6. Review & Approval of 2022 Council Calendar:** Commission Assistant Amanda Schnabel reported that per Council direction given at the November 3 meeting, staff had worked to adjust the proposed October 19, 2022 meeting date to accommodate a conflict, and stated that the new proposed meeting date was October 6, 2022. Ms. Schnabel noted that the new proposed date had been provided to Councilmembers via email for their consideration, and staff had received no negative feedback.

**Action:** Councilmember Saxhaug made a motion to approve the draft of the 2022 Council Calendar as before the Council.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

**7. Land Conveyances/Conversions: Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project – Land Exchange:** Randy Prachar with MN DNR gave the Council an overview of a land exchange approval request from MN DNR requesting conceptual approval from the Council to move forward with a possible land exchange directly related to the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project. Council discussion followed.

**8. Information: November Forecast Results and Review:** Sean Fahnhorst, Executive Budget Officer with MN Management, provided the Council with an overview of the updated November fiscal forecast. Council discussion followed.

**9. Review and Approve DRAFT Accomplishment Plans for ML2022 / FY2023:** Project Analyst Manager Sandy Smith provided an update for the Council on 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), whose project managers had all been directed to work with staff prior

to the December 9, 2021 Council meeting to provide additional clarity on their current scaling and explore the possibility of additional scaling. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Representative Heintzeman made a motion to approve the draft accomplishment plans for 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) as currently submitted.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Executive Director Mark Johnson and Al Singer, Land Conservation Manager with Dakota County, provided further information for the Council regarding the Dakota County Land Valuation Process that had been approved at the October 7, 2021 Council meeting. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Councilmember Saxhaug made a motion to table the Dakota County Land Valuation Process discussion until the January 19, 2022 Council meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

**10. Review and Approve ML2022 Bill Language:** Chair Hartwell and Vice Chair Schara provided the Council with an overview of the Chairs' Proposal Allocation Recommendation relating to the updated November fiscal forecast. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Representative Heintzeman made a motion to approve the Chairs' recommendations as outlined in the memo provided.

Further Council discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Schara

Rep. Becker-Finn

Sen. Dibble

Edmondson

Eggerling

Rep. Heintzeman

Holsten

Peters

Saxhaug

Swenson

NAY:

ABSENT:

Sen. Lang

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

Bennett Uhler, Engineer with Houston Engineering, Inc. presented a two year extension request regarding the ML 2018, Ch. 208, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd 5(n) Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program – Phase 1 appropriation.

**Action:** Vice Chair Schara made a motion to approve the ML 2018, Ch. 208, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd 5(n) Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program – Phase 1 appropriation one year extension request.

Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Vice Chair Schara made a motion to amend his previous motion to approve a two year – not one year – extension of the ML 2018, Ch. 208, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd 5(n) Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program – Phase 1 appropriation, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAY:

ABSENT:  
Sen. Lan

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

Executive Director Mark Johnson and Assistant Director Joe Pavelko presented the ML 2022/FY 2023 draft bill language to the Council for consideration. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Councilmember Eggerling made a motion to approve the bill language subject to the adjustment of the appropriation amounts to reflect the previously adopted November forecast Chairs' Proposal and with the understanding that staff is allowed to make technical edits as necessary.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAY:

ABSENT:  
Sen. Lan

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

**11. Presentation – Final Report Success Stories – Young Forest Conservation, Phase II:** Peter Dieser, MN Public Lands Coordinator with the American Bird Conservancy provided an overview to the Council of the completed Young Forest Conservation, Phase II project.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24am.

APPROVED:

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David Hartwell, Chair

Date

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Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date