

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
July 28, 2022
Hybrid Meeting – State Capitol 120/ Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D

Call to Order: Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:01am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Sen. D. Scott Dibble
Rep. Rob Ecklund
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: Sen. Dibble made a motion to approve the agenda – **Motion Prevailed**

2. Review and Approve Minutes: Vice Chair Schara made a motion to approve the minutes from June 23, 2022 – **Motion Prevailed**

3. Conflicts of Interest Reported: Councilmember Ashley Peters reported a conflict of interest with the ML 2023/FY 2024 Ruffed Grouse Society proposal. Chair Hartwell reported a conflict of interest with the ML 2023/FY 2024 Audubon Society proposal.

4. Chair’s Comments: Chair Hartwell thanked Councilmembers for submitting their ML 2023/FY 2024 Proposal scores and noted that the Council would discuss the scores further later in the meeting.

5. Executive Director’s Report: Executive Director Mark Johnson provided information to the Council on the Marsh Lake ribbon cutting ceremony that was attended by both Mr. Johnson and Assistant Director Joe Pavelko. Mr. Johnson also reported that, per MN Statute 97A.056, all MN counties had been provided a list of potential fee-title acquisitions within their boundaries relating to the ML 2023/FY 2024 Project Proposals. In addition, Mr. Johnson provided information to the Council regarding two upcoming site tour opportunities: a prairie tour in Clay County scheduled for August 18, 2022 and a Forest tour in Lake County, anticipated to take place in the fall, date yet to be determined.

6. Accomplishment Plan Amendment: ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Subd. 5(c) – Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Phase VII: Project Analyst Manager Sandy Smith gave the Council an overview of the general accomplishment plan amendment process. Lisa West, Senior Project Manager with Dakota County and Al Singer, Land Conservation Manager with Dakota County provided the Council with an overview of the Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Phase VII amendment request.

Action: Councilmember Peters made a motion to approve the ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Subd. 5(c) – Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Phase VII amendment request before the Council.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Schara

Sen. Dibble

Rep. Ecklund

Edmondson

Eggerling

Holsten

Peters

Saxhaug

Swenson

NAY:

ABSENT:

Rep. Heintzeman

Sen. Lang

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

7. Accomplishment Plan Amendment: ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Subd. 5(b) – Metro Big Rivers, Phase 9: Deb Loon, Executive Director with Minnesota Valley Trust provided the Council with an overview of the Metro Big Rivers, Phase 9 amendment request.

Action: Councilmember Peters made a motion to approve the ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Subd. 5(b) – Metro Big Rivers, Phase 9 amendment request before the Council.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Schara

Sen. Dibble

Rep. Ecklund

Edmondson

Eggerling

Holsten

Peters

Saxhaug

Swenson

NAY:

ABSENT:

Rep. Heintzeman

Sen. Lang

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

8. Accomplishment Plan Amendment: ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Subd. 2(c) – Prairie Recovery Project, Phase 9: Neal Feeken, Director of Land Conservation for The Nature Conservancy provided the Council with an overview of the Prairie Recovery Project, Phase 9 amendment request. Council discussion followed.

Action: Councilmember Holsten and Vice Chair Shara made a motion to approve the ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Subd. 2(c) – Prairie Recovery Project, Phase 9 amendment request before the Council.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Schara

Sen. Dibble

Rep. Ecklund

Edmondson

Eggerling

Holsten

Peters

Saxhaug

NAY:

ABSENT:

Rep. Heintzeman

Sen. Lang

Swenson

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

9. ML 2023 / FY 2024 OHF Project Proposals: Executive Director Johnson gave the Council an overview of the compiled scoring materials provided in Member packets. Council discussion regarding which Project Proposals the Council would like to call in for full hearings followed.

Action: Rep. Ecklund made a motion to call all submitted ML 2023/FY 2024 Project Proposals in for hearings, with the exception of Contract Management.

Additional Council discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell

Schara

Sen. Dibble

Rep. Ecklund

Edmondson

Eggerling

Holsten

Peters

Saxhaug

NAY:

ABSENT:

Rep. Heintzeman

Sen. Lang

Swenson

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

Additional Council discussion followed. Staff was directed to poll Councilmembers to ascertain who would like to serve on a small committee in fall 2022 whose purpose would be to review the OHF call for funding request, proposal, and scoring questions to determine whether revisions need to be made.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03am.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date