

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
September 12, 2022
Hybrid Meeting – State Capitol 120/ Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D

Call to Order: Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:20am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Sen. D. Scott Dibble
Rep. Rob Ecklund
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. Chair’s Comments: Chair Hartwell reported that, based on general Council consensus, the Council meeting currently scheduled for December 13, 2022 at 8:30 am, would be moved to December 12, 2022 at noon.

2. Review and Approve Minutes: Rep. Rob Ecklund made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2022 – **Motion Prevailed**

3. Review and Approve Agenda: Councilmember Jamie Swenson made a motion to approve the agenda – **Motion Prevailed**

4. Public Comments: Chair Hartwell reported that no public comments or testimony requests had been submitted to the Council.

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

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

WA01 – 2023 Southeast Wetland Restoration, Land Acquisition, Phase 2: \$1,510,500
Michael McCarty, City of Mankato

WA02 – RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota: \$10,000,000
John Voz, MN BWSR
Sharon Doucette, MN BWSR

WA03 – Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program - Phase XII: \$13,980,000
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited

WA04 – Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 8: \$7,360,000
Beverly Rinke, Minnesota Land Trust
Emilia Kenow, Minnesota Land Trust
Sergio Pierluissi, USFWS

WA05 – Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XV: \$11,931,000
Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.
Scott Glup, USFWS

WRE01 – Wetland Enhancement in the Big Woods: \$900,000
Craig Hensel, Scott-Le Sueur Waterfowlers
Joe Lambrecht, Ceder Lake Township
Aaron Weinandt, Field to Flyway Engineering

WRE02 – Living Shallow Lakes & Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative - Phase IX: \$13,700,000
John Lindstrom, Ducks Unlimited
Stacy Salvevold, USFWS
Jami Markle, Three Rivers Park District

WRE03 – Voyageurs National Park Wetland Restoration Project, Phase 3: \$1,640,000
Steve Windels, Voyageurs National Park
Jerry Warmbold, Voyageurs National Park

WRE04 – Shallow Lake Enhancements in Grant County: \$2,631,000
Tracey Von Bargen, Grant County
Dwight Walvatne, Grant County
Jon Kapon, Bois de Sioux Watershed
Aaron Weinandt, Field to Flyway Engineering

WRE05 – Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 15: \$12,428,000
Ricky Lien, MN DNR
Nicole Hansel-Welch, MN DNR

WRE06 – Nelson Slough/JD#19: \$6,192,000
Morteza Maher, Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District
Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering
Jason Wollin, MN DNR
Nicolas Brown, MN DNR

HA01 – Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program - Phase 3: \$12,276,600
Kristine Maurer, Hennepin County
Karen Galles, Hennepin County
Kristina Geiger, Minnesota Land Trust

HA02 – Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase 8: \$8,921,300
Wiley Buck, Great River Greening
Steve Karel, Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
Carrie Taylor, Anoka Conservation District
Gina Hugo, Sherburne County Parks
Clayton Lenk, Minnesota Wild Turkey Federation
Lydia Fermanich, Minnesota Land Trust

HA03 – Accelerating Habitat Conservation in Southwest Minnesota - Phase 2: \$6,541,000
Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust
Chad Kingstrom, Minnesota Land Trust

HA04 – Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition & Restoration: \$4,475,000
Mike Kinney, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
Emily Heinz, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
Blayne Eineichner, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
Aidan Read, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
Jason Naber, Emmons & Olivier Resources

HA05 – Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Stream Habitat Program – Phase 3: \$9,428,000
Erik Jones, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

HA06 – Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase 11: \$8,181,700
David Ruff, The Nature Conservancy
Nick Bancks, Trust for Public Land
Mark van der Linden, Minnesota Land Trust

HA07 – Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance - Phase 2: \$9,225,000
Pat Collins, Minnesota Land Trust
Bob Karls, Northern Waters Land Trust
Annie Knight, Northern Waters Land Trust

HA08 – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase IX: \$10,656,000
Annie Knight, Northern Waters Land Trust
Terry Tripp, Northern Waters Land Trust
Ruud Schoolderman, Northern Waters Land Trust

HA09 – DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition – Phase 15: \$5,888,000
Jeff Tillma, MN DNR
Rick Walsh, MN DNR

HA10 – DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements - Phase 3: \$1,360,000
Rick Walsh, MN DNR
Jeff Tillma, MN DNR

HA11 – Metro Big Rivers Phase 13: \$20,303,900
Deborah Loon, MN Valley Trust
Kristina Geiger, Minnesota Land Trust
Bob McGillivray, Trust for Public Land
Todd Rexine, Great River Greening
Alex Roth, Friends of the Mississippi River

HA12 – St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase 4: \$16,153,300
Katie Sickmann, Wild Rivers Conservancy
Bob McGillivray, Trust for Public Land
Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust

HA13 – Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program Phase XII: \$4,641,900
Courtney Phillips, Shell Rock River Watershed District

HA14 – Integrating Habitat and Clean Water Phase 2: \$10,000,000
Julie Westerlund, MN BWSR
Bill Penning, MN BWSR

HA15 – Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 12: \$6,519,100
Alan Kraus, Clean River Partners
Nick Bancks, The Trust for Public Land
Dr. Brad Gordon, Great River Greening

CPL – Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Ph. 15 Statewide and Metro Habitat: \$9,500,000
Kathy Varble, MN DNR
David Stein, MN DNR

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date