

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

**Call to Order:** Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:18am.

**Members Present**

David Hartwell (Chair)  
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)  
Sen. D. Scott Dibble  
Rep. Rob Ecklund  
Dudley Edmondson  
Rep. Josh Heintzeman  
Mark Holsten  
Ashley Peters  
Tom Saxhaug  
Jamie Swenson

**Members Absent**

Kristin Eggerling  
Sen. Andrew Lang

A quorum was present.

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

**2. Chair's Comments:** Chair Hartwell thanked Members for their attention to all the proposal heard the previous day.

**3. Hearings for Funding Requests:** Members heard the following proposals.

HRE01 – Southeast & Metro Trout Stream Habitat Enhancement: \$2,913,000  
John Lenczewski, Minnesota Trout Unlimited

HRE02 – Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for Turtles and Pollinators, Phase 2: \$1,300,000  
Adam Arvidson, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board  
MaryLynn Pulscher, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

HRE03 – Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation Project-Phase VII: \$2,941,000  
Kevin J. Bovee, Lake Superior Steelhead Association

HRE05 – Seidls Lake Park Habitat Restoration Project: \$637,000  
Sue Polka, City of South St. Paul

HRE04 – Upper Sioux Community Habitat Restoration Phase I: \$1,100,000  
Amanda Wold, Upper Sioux Community

HRE06 – Buckingham Creek Brook Trout Restoration Project: \$800,000  
Kate Kubiak, City of Duluth  
John Lindgren, MN DNR

HRE07 – Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement - Phase 2: \$3,500,000  
Chris Lord, Anoka Conservation District  
Andy Soltvedt, Anoka County Parks

HRE08 – Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's Important Bird Areas in the St. Croix River Valley:  
\$1,613,600  
Dale Gentry, Audubon Minnesota  
Katie Bloome, Belwin Conservancy

HRE09 – DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative – Phase 10: \$5,650,000  
Melissa Sjolund, MN DNR  
Daryl Peterson, Minnesota Land Trust

HRE10 – DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase 6: \$13,226,400  
Jamison Wendel, MN DNR  
Amanda Hillman-Roberts, MN DNR

FA01 – Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program: \$4,203,000  
Kris Larson, Minnesota Land Trust  
John Geissler, St. John's University  
Leah Hall, Minnesota Land Trust

FA02 – Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program Phase XI: \$5,500,000  
Shannon Wettstein, Morrison SWCD  
Brigadier General Kruse, Camp Ripley  
Josh Pennington, Camp Ripley  
Sharon Doucette, BWSR  
Todd Holman, The Nature Conservancy

FA03 – Protection/Enhancement of Public Land Forest Habitats Through Strategic Acquisition of Private  
Land Inholdings: \$2,785,000  
Scott Johnson, Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society  
Gary Drotts, Grant Consultant

FRE01 – DNR Forest Enhancement Phase III: \$3,869,700  
Ted Dick, MN DNR  
Heather Baird, MN DNR

PA01 – MN Prairie Recovery Program Phase 13: \$8,322,300  
Neal Feeken, The Nature Conservancy

PA02 – Martin County DNR WMA Phase 7: \$8,730,100  
Doug Hartke, Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.  
Zach Johnson, Ducks Unlimited  
Emilee Nelson, The Conservation Fund

PA03 – RIM Grassland Reserve Phase V: \$5,000,000  
John Voz, MN BWSR

PA04 – Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley – Phase IX: \$10,033,300  
Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, Inc.  
Dan Svedarsky, University of Minnesota (Retired)

PA05 – Working Lands for Habitat: \$6,000,000  
Bill Penning, MN BWSR

PA06 – Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XV: \$13,880,500  
Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.  
Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PRE01 – Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program – Phase IV: \$10,440,000  
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited  
Tom Kerr, USFWS  
Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PRE03 – Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase VI: \$4,438,300  
Alex Nelson, Pheasants Forever, Inc.  
Scott Glup, USFWS

PRE02 – DNR Grassland Enhancement Phase 15: \$8,187,900  
Greg Hoch, MN DNR

O1 – DNR Roving Crew Phase 2: \$8,732,900  
Greg Hoch, MN DNR

O2 – Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions: \$674,300  
Jennifer Olson, MN DNR  
Rick Walsh, MN DNR  
Katherine Sherman-Hoehn, MN DNR

O4 – Restoration Evaluations - ML 2023: \$200,000  
Wade Johnson, MN DNR

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

APPROVED:

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David Hartwell, Chair

Date

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Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date