

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: **Agenda Item #9**
DATE: July 25, 2023
SUBJECT: Retroactive Accomplishment Plan Amendment -
 ML 2021, First Special Session, Ch.1, Art.1, Sec.2, Subd. 5(o)
 Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 3
PRESENTER: Steve Zeece III, Water Resource Manager, Sauk River Watershed District

Suggested Motion:

Motion by Member XX to approve or not approve the accomplishment plan amendment (with or without retroactivity).

Background:

OHF appropriations are distributed thru a reimbursement process managed by the DNR. Parcels must be included on the parcel list PRIOR to any expenses being incurred. Retroactivity is approved at a staff level when there is a minor oversight immediately brought to light resulting in very small amount of spending oversight.

The need for retroactivity of this amendment was brought to staff's attention on June 12, 2023 and was discovered when DNR received a reimbursement request for restoration work done on parcels that were not on the parcel list.

This program has had 4 project managers since receiving Phase 1 appropriation in 2019. This Phase 3 has received 3 parcel addition amendments for MLT easement and PF fee title parcels to date.

The current manager is requesting retroactivity back to 10/31/2021 when expenses were first incurred.

Attached is a letter of explanation from the manager on the need for the retroactivity.

Attachments:

- Pending Accomplishment Plan Amendment
- Letter from SRWD