

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
August 30, 2023
Hybrid Meeting – MN State Capitol 120/ Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D

Call to Order: Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ashley Peters (Vice Chair)
Dudley Edmondson
Kristin Eggerling
Sen. Foung Hawj
Mark Holsten
Rep. Leon Lillie
Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara
Jamie Swenson

Members Absent

Rep. John Burkel
Sen. Andrew Lang

A quorum was present.

1. Review and Approve Agenda: Councilmember Tom Saxhaug made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of a repeat presentation from WRE05 - Lake Alice - Fergus Falls due to the technical issues they experienced during their original presentation the day prior – **Motion Prevailed**

2. Chair's Comments: Chair Hartwell thanked members for their attendance and attention at the previous day's meeting.

3. Conflicts of Interest Reported: Executive director Mark Johnson noted that no new Conflicts of Interest had been reported to the Council since the prior day's meeting. Previous reports of conflicts still stand.

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

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

HA01 – St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase 5: \$8,406,000
Katie Sickmann, Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon
Nick Banks, The Trust for Public Land
Wayne Ostlie, MN Land Trust
Bob McGillvray, The Trust for Public Land

HA02 – Pine and Leech Watershed Phase III Targeted RIM Easement Permeant Land Protection: \$2,920,000

Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District
Andrew Seagren, Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District
Commissioner Jon Lubke, Crow Wing County
Crystal Mathisrud, Hubbard Soil and Water Conservation District

HA04 – Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase XIII: \$5,780,800

Courtney Phillips, Shell Rock River Watershed District
Andy Henschel, Shell Rock River Watershed District

HA05 – Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 13: \$6,400,000

Jennifer Tonko, Clean River Partners
Nick Bancks, The Trust for Public Land
Brad Gordon, Great River Greening

HA06 – Trout Stream Restoration in the Root River Watershed: \$12,278,200

Terence Ruane, Resource Environmental Solutions
Erin Delawalla, Resource Environmental Solutions
Lucas Lilly, Resource Environmental Solutions

HA07 – Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project Phase 8: \$9,267,000

Tim Terrill, Mississippi Headwaters Board
Bob McGillivray, The Trust for Public Land
Bill Penning, MN BWSR
Paula West, Mississippi Headwaters Board

HA10 – Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program - Phase I: \$15,233,500

Robert L. Sip, Red River Watershed Management Board
Tara Ostendorf, Moore Engineering
Henry Van Offelen, MN BWSR

HA11 – Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout - Phase 2: \$5,456,000

John Lenczewski, Minnesota Trout Unlimited
David Ruff, The Nature Conservancy
Mark van der Linden, MN Land Trust

HA12 – Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase 12: \$11,766,900

David Ruff, The Nature Conservancy
Nick Bancks, The Trust for Public Land
Mark van der Linden, MN Land Trust
Wayne Ostlie, MN Land Trust

HA13 – Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase IV: \$5,170,000

Tara Jensen, Wild Rice Watershed District
Sharon Doucette, MN BWSR

HA14 – DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XVI: \$2,900,000
Jeff Tillma, MN DNR
Rick Walsh, MN DNR

HA15 – Accelerating Habitat Conservation in Southwest Minnesota - Phase 3: \$7,459,000
Wayne Ostlie, MN Land Trust
Chad Kingstrom, MN Land Trust
Emilia Kenow, MN Land Trust

HA16 – Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection & Restoration, Phase 5: \$16,673,200
Steve Zeece III, Sauk River Watershed District
Jon Roeschlein, Sauk River Watershed District
Leah Hall, MN Land Trust
Wiley Buck, Great River Greening
Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

HA17 – Metro Big Rivers Phase 14: \$16,113,600
Deborah Loon, MN Valley Trust
Alex Roth, Friends of the Mississippi River
Todd Rexine, Great River Greening
Bob McGillivray, The Trust for Public Land
Lydia Fermanich, MN Land Trust
Haley Golz, MN Land Trust

HA09 – Shakopee Creek: Headwaters Restored, Species and Land Protected: \$1,190,000
Margaret Johnson, Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District
Ryan Peterson, Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District
Chris Meehan, Stantec

HRE01 – Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase 9: \$2,138,000
Wiley Buck, Great River Greening
Gina Hugo, Sherburne County

WRE05 - Lake Alice - Fergus Falls: \$686,000*
Klara Beck, City of Fergus Falls
Matt Harrington, City of Fergus Falls
Brian Yavarow, City of Fergus Falls
Joel Carlson, Legal Research

* This is a repeat presentation from 8/29/2023 due to technical difficulties.

HRE02 – DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase 7: \$14,510,200
Jamison Wendel, MN DNR
Dean Paron, MN DNR
Amanda Hillman-Roberts, MN DNR

HRE03 – Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement: \$2,950,000
John Lenczewski, Minnesota Trout Unlimited

HRE05 – St. Louis River Restoration Initiative – Phase 11: \$4,098,000
Melissa Sjolund, MN DNR
Daryl Peterson, MN Land Trust

HRE04 – Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation-PH VII: \$3,000,000
Kevin J. Bovee, Lake Superior Steelhead Association

HRE07 – Roseau Lake Rehabilitation: Phase II: \$9,000,000
Tracy Halstengard, Roseau River Watershed District
Randy Prachar, MN DNR

HRE08 – Highbanks Ravine Bat Hibernaculum: \$2,300,000
Lisa Vollbrecht, City of St. Cloud
April Ryan, SEH
Kristin Prosocki, SHE

HRE09 – Owámniyomni Native Landscape & River Restoration (St. Anthony Falls): \$6,000,000
Kjersti Duval, Friends of the Falls
Shelley Buck, Friends of the Falls
Gabriel Miller, Prairie Island Indian Community
Nicole Buck, Prairie Island Indian Community
Jamison Wendel, MN DNR

HRE10 – Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification: \$3,000,000
Matt Crawford, City of Rochester
Aaron Luckstein, City of Rochester

HRE11 – Little Devil Track River Restoration: \$4,435,800
Robert Hass, Cook County
Ilean Hansel, Cook County SWCD

6. Council Discussion: Chair Hartwell lead the Council in continued discussion of the proposals heard throughout the day.

Action: Councilmember Mark Holsten made a motion to accept the most recent MN Management and Budget OHF forecast of \$158,796 from February 2024, with the statutorily mandated 5% reserve, as recommended by staff, resulting in an allocation target of \$151,360.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYE:

Hartwell
Peters
Edmondson
Eggerling
Holsten
Saxhaug
Schara
Swenson

NAY:

ABSENT:

Rep. Burkel
Sen. Hawj
Sen. Lang
Rep. Lillie

8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

Action: Councilmember Ron Schara made a motion to allocate \$100,000 to the O3 – DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions proposal, to be used for the for the Keystone Woods project, and then reallocate IDP monies from individual programs to the Core Functions program after the official allocation recommendations are decided at the October meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

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Continued Council discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date