

DRAFT MINUTES

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)

August 27, 2024

Hybrid Meeting – MN State Capitol 120/ Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D

Call to Order: Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 08:38 a.m. [\(00:02:57\)](#)

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Suzanne Baird
Rep. John Burkel
Dudley Edmondson
Kristin Eggerling
Sen. Founq Hawj
Mark Holsten
Sen. Andrew Lang
Rep. Leon Lillie
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson

Members Absent

A quorum was present.

1. Review and Approve Agenda: [\(00:04:23\)](#)

Councilmember Eggerling made a motion to approve the agenda - **Motion Prevailed**

2. Review and Approve Minutes: [\(00:04:46\)](#)

Councilmember Tom Saxhaug made a motion to approve the minutes from July 30, 2024 – **Motion Prevailed**

3. Conflicts of Interest Reported: No conflicts of interest were reported. [\(00:05:05\)](#)

4. Chair's Comments: [\(00:05:20\)](#)

Chair Hartwell noted that a meeting has been scheduled for 09/10/2024 with representatives from the Department of Labor and Industry for ongoing discussions on prevailing wage. Partner organizations are encouraged to attend.

5. Executive Director's Report: [\(00:05:56\)](#)

Executive Director Mark Johnson informed the Council that Tom Rebman has been hired as the Commission Assistant for the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Mr. Johnson also directed members attention to an informational email sent regarding Pittman-Robertson funds, and their use in conjunction with Outdoor Heritage funds.

6. Hearings for Funding Requests:

Members heard the following proposals: [\(00:08:17\)](#)

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(00:08:50)	HA01	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 14	\$10,954,200	Jennifer Tonko	Clean River Partners
(00:36:09)	HA03	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase 10	\$13,941,900	Wiley Buck	Great River Greening
(00:59:39)	HA02	Spring Road Conservation Project	\$3,012,500	Terry Jeffery	Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District
(01:07:21)	HA04	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water Phase III	\$10,000,000	Kevin Roth	BWSR
(01:24:17)	HA05	2025 St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase 6	\$9,351,000	Marc White	Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon
(01:42:00)	HA06	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project Phase 9	\$9,170,000	Tim Terrill	Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB)
(02:10:32)	HA07	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase 13	\$6,267,000	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(02:42:02)	HA08	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore - Phase 3	\$4,518,000	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust

(02:54:00)	HA09	Metro Big Rivers Phase 15	\$21,763,900	Deborah Loon	MN Valley Trust (Metro Big Rivers)
(03:06:24)	HA10	Minnesota River Watershed Habitat Conservation Program	\$10,955,000	Brad Gordon	Great River Greening
(03:22:21)	HA11	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase XIV	\$4,326,500	Courtney Phillips	Shell Rock River Watershed District
(03:32:15)	HA12	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance - Phase 4	\$10,161,000	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(03:39:53)	HA13	Shakopee Creek: Headwaters Restored; Species and Land Protected	\$4,044,400	Margaret Johnson	Kandiyohi SWCD
(05:11:45)	HA14	DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements - Phase 4	\$2,048,000	Rick Walsh	DNR
(05:20:31)	HA15	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase XI	\$8,578,000	Annie Knight	Northern Waters Land Trust
(05:34:52)	HRE01	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement - Phase 2	\$4,710,000	John Lenczewski	Minnesota Trout Unlimited
(05:52:43)	HRE02	Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's Important Bird Areas IV	\$3,592,700	Alexandra Wardwell	Audubon Upper Mississippi River
(06:02:44)	HRE03	Fall River Restoration	\$1,680,000	Robert Kimmel-Hass	Cook County
(06:07:12)	HRE04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase 8	\$13,411,800	Dean Paron	DNR - Fisheries
(06:27:33)	HRE05	Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for Turtles and Pollinators, Phase 3	\$950,000	Adam Arvidson	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
(06:38:50)	HRE06	Moose Habitat Collaborative, Phase V- NE MN Forest Habitat Enhancement	\$3,851,300	Scott Johnson	The Ruffed Grouse Society/ American Woodcock Society
(07:00:36)	HRE07	Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement - Phase 3	\$1,974,100	Chris Lord	Anoka Conservation District
(07:25:34)	O1	Contract Management	\$410,000	Katherine Sherman-Hoehn	DNR
(07:30:59)	O2	Restoration Evaluations - ML 2025	\$200,000	Wade Johnson	DNR
(07:48:16)	O3	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions	\$847,300	Jennifer Olson	DNR – Fish & Wildlife
(07:59:43)	O4	DNR Roving Crew 3	\$12,642,700	Greg Hoch	DNR

(08:12:21)	CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Ph. 17 Statewide and Metro Habitat	\$15,000,000	David Stein	DNR
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7. Council Discussion [\(08:29:05\)](#)

Chair David Hartwell discussed the letter that the Council received regarding unauthorized use of Neonicotinoid products on LSOHC funded lands, and how to ensure that verification is done on the use of Neonicotinoid products going forward. Councilmember Swenson raised a potential concern that a small number of organizations are involved on a large percentage of project proposals. Chair Hartwell and members discussed factors relating to this question including past success of these organizations and considering if the work funded by the Council is being accomplished and if it is finished as scheduled.

8. Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No public testimony was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 05:21 p.m.