

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
Meeting Summary  
**June 6, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Les Bensch	Wayne Enger	Rep. Leon Lillie
Ryan Bronson	Chair David Hartwell	Rep. Denny McNamara
Jim Cox	Jane Kingston	Sen. Tom Saxhaug

**Members Absent:** Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen      Scott Rall      Ron Schara

**Call to order:** Call to order at 1:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Review and approve agenda:** Motion by W. Enger to approve the agenda. Motion adopted.

**Review and Approve Minutes - January 26, 2012:** Motion by J. Kingston to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

**(1:13) Members report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda:**

Councilmember Bronson disclosed that the City of Anoka is planning on naming the Kings Island Wildlife Area (city property) after Federal Premium Amunition, his employer. The City also received a restoration grant for the area through the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant, of which the Council recommends appropriation to the grant program managed by DNR, however the Council does not make the individual awards.

**(2:22) Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Bill Becker discussed the grant application system, encouraged people to take a look at it, and apply early.

Because members have had time to read and review the Legislative Session Report, Mr. Becker opened the floor to questions on the Legislative Session Report. Members discussed School Trust land management issues and limitations to the open meeting law as it related to quick decisions that needed to be made during legislative session. Members continued discussion about the open meeting law challenges as it relates to council communication.

**(36:20) Discussion / Action: LSOHC Travel Policy**

Members discussed the policy. Rep. McNamara and Chair Hartwell summarized that any member can visit anything it is more the question of what, if anything, should be budgeted and reimbursed to members and a process in place to request for reimbursement request. Members discussed some members having more time to visit sites and that it might be inequitable that some use more of the budgeted money than others. It was decided that staff would come back to the next Council meeting with modifications including reducing the number of days to submit a travel request reduced.

**(1:07:40) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

David G. Holmbeck, Grand Rapids, MN addressed the council about a camp being built on Deer Lake. Mr. Holmbeck provided a written testimony with attachments for the record. Chair Hartwell asked Mr. Holmbeck to keep comments to the Council on items that are under the preview of Council business directly related to the restoration, protection and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. Rep. Lillie stated that he feels the Council should not hear this because there is a pending court case.

**(1:18:34) Action: Review and approval of ML 2012 Consent List Accomplishment Plans**

Motion by R. Bronson to approve the consent list (below) accomplishment plans. He accepted a friendly amendment by J.Cox to remove 5(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program for discussion at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Motion adopted.

Appropriation	Amount
2a) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. II	\$2,090,000
2b) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. III	\$4,610,000
2c) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. II	\$1,760,000
2d) Wildlife Management Area Acquisition	\$2,900,000
2e) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition, Ph. IV	\$1,580,000

2f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Ph. IV	\$3,300,000
2i) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Ph. II	\$1,050,000
2j) Enhanced Public Grasslands	\$1,320,000
3a) Protecting Mississippi River Corridor Habitat ACUB Partnership, Ph. II	\$480,000
3c) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership, Ph. III	\$1,340,000
3d) Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County, Ph. II	\$480,000
4a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Program Partnership, Ph. IV	\$13,810,000
4b) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Ph. IV	\$5,400,000
4c) Columbus Lake Conservation Area	\$940,000
4d) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Initiative, Ph. II	\$4,490,000
4e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Restoration & Enhancement, Ph. IV	\$3,870,000
4f) Marsh Lake Enhancement	\$2,630,000
5a) Accelerated Aquatic Management Area Habitat Program, Ph. IV	\$3,480,000
5b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat, Ph. III	\$3,680,000
5c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore Protection and Management, Ph. III	\$480,000
5d) Lower St. Louis River Habitat Restoration	\$3,670,000
5e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement Program, Ph. IV	\$2,120,000
5f) Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration	\$2,320,000
6a) Contract Management	\$175,000
6b) Technical Evaluation Panel	\$45,000

(1:21:34) **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Wayne Enger, Secretary

Date