

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
September 6 & 7, 2012

Members Present:

Les Bensch
Ryan Bronson
Jim Cox
Wayne Enger

Chair David Hartwell
Jane Kingston
Rep. Leon Lillie
Rep. Denny McNamara

Scott Rall
Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara

Members Absent: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Call to order: Call to order at 7:46 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

(00:02:03) Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda

Council member Enger stated that he has a RIM-WRP contract on his property. Because the money received was for a dike failure, not an easement, he believes there is no appearance of a conflict. W. Enger, however, will recuse himself from advocating or voting on the RIM-WRP proposal.

Council member Bensch stated that he also has a RIM-WRP contract not allocated by OHF. Members discussed the potential conflict and asked Bensch to recuse himself from voting. The Council indicated that Bensch could discuss the proposal. Bensch complied with council members' request.

Chair Hartwell stated that he has an affiliation with an organization that received a Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant in the past. He declared an indirect conflict and would not be voting on the CPL request before the Council.

(00:05:31) Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bill Becker reviewed the revised schedule and reminded members of the Sept. 21 meeting. He also pointed out two letters from the DNR regarding ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5h, Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian Carp. The first described, the fish barriers and the second from Commissioner Landwehr regarding spending OHF money on the state border of Iowa and has been incorporated into the appropriation's accomplishment plan.

Recording Start Time	Project ID	Project Title	Organization	Project Manager
00:09:40	X 04	High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council	MN DNR	Larry R. Kramka
00:24:57	FA 01	Minnesota Forest for the Future/State Forests, Ph. IV	DNR - Forestry	David Schuller
00:48:13	FA 02	Young Forest Conservation	American Bird Conservancy	George Fenwick
01:18:22	FA 03	The Camp Ripley Partnership: Protecting the Mighty Mississippi, Ph. III	Morrison SWCD	Helen McLennan
01:29:30	FA 04	Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in the St. Louis River Watershed	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Thomas Howes
01:53:06	FA 05	Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership, Ph. IV	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko
01:58:18	FA 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County, Ph. IV	Cass County	Joshua Stevenson
02:18:20	FRE 02	Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative, Ph. II	MN Deer Hunters Association	Mark Johnson

02:59:26	PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Ph. V	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko
03:12:32	PA 01	Grasslands for the Future	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Kevin Lines
03:55:46	PA 03	DNR Wildlife Management Area, Scientific and Natural Area, and Native Prairie Bank Easement Program, Ph. V	MN Dept. of Natural Resources	Patrick Rivers
04:10:33	PA 04	Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. IV	The Nature Conservancy	Neal Feeken
04:31:00	PA 05	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. III	BWSR & Pheasants Forever	Tabor Hoek and Matt Holland
04:43:44	PA 07	Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. III	The Trust for Public Land	Becca Nash
04:55:26	PRE 01	DNR Grasslands, Ph. V	MN DNR	Bill Penning
05:15:15	WA 01	The RIM-WRP Partnership, Ph. V	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Kevin Lines
05:37:10	WA 02	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. V	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko
05:45:28	WA 04	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. II	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources	Dan Steward
05:59:15	WA 05	McGregor Marsh Wetland Protection	MNDNR Wildlife	Ray Norrgard and Gary Drotts
06:42:46	WA 03	Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection Program, Ph. III	Ducks Unlimited	Jon Schneider
06:58:40	WA 06	Wetland Habitat Protection Program	Minnesota Land Trust	Sarah Strommen
07:13:30	WRE 01	Accelerated Wetland and Shallow Lake Enhancement, Ph. V	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Ricky Lien
07:18:54	WRE 02	Pelican Lake Enhancement	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Ricky Lien
07:56:10	WRE 03	Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive Species Control Structure	Shell Rock River Watershed District	Andy Henschel
08:12:40	WRE 04	Goose Lake Restoration and Carp Exclusion Project	Shell Rock River Watershed District	Andy Henschel

(08:21:21) **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Friday, September 07, 2012

Call to order: Call to order at 7:48 a.m. A quorum was present.

Presentation Time	Project ID	Project Title	Organization	Project Manager
00:06:49	HA 01	DNR Aquatic Habitat, Ph. V	MN DNR	Michael Duval

00:46:13	HA 02	Habitat Protection in Dakota County, Ph. IV	Dakota County	Alan Singer
01:10:35	HA 03	Root River Protection and Restoration	The Nature Conservancy	Richard Biske
01:28:04	HA 04	Metro Big Rivers, Ph. IV	Metro Big Rivers Partnership	Wayne Ostlie - Great River Greening, Tom Lewanski - Friends of Mississippi River, Becca Nash - Trust for Public Land, and Sarah Strommen - MN Land Trust
01:52:07	HA 05	Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: Acquisition on Property Surrounding Lake Tamarack	Minnesota Landscape Arboretum	Peter Moe
02:21:46	HA 06	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program, Ph. II	Minnesota Land Trust	Kris Larson
02:40:33	HRE 03	Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership, Ph. III	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Jim Nissen
02:52:32	HRE 05	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Ph. IV	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	John Lenczewski

(03:11:29) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No one addressed the council

(03:11:49) Mr. Becker reviewed the allocation worksheet with the council. They will be receiving the worksheet next week.

(03:13:27) Chair Hartwell opened up the floor to members to discuss any issues associated with this round's proposals. Members discussed the following proposals: FA 04 - Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in the St. Louis River Watershed, shoreline protection regulations and law, lobbying and contacting members on specific projects, funding projects in the metro area, HA 05 - Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: Acquisition on Property Surrounding Lake Tamarack, how to note specific parts of projects you would like to fund and not others on the worksheet, WA 05 McGregor Marsh Wetland Protection, consideration of scalable projects and what to consider, WA 01 - The RIM-WRP Partnership, Ph. V versus PA 01 - Grasslands for the Future regarding federal match, the cost of easements (90% of township average assessed value), the impact of acquiring the land in fee placing an easement on it and re-selling the acquired land.

(04:11:58) **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

Wayne Enger, Secretary

Date