

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
September 21, 2012

Members Present:

Les Bensch
Ryan Bronson
Jim Cox
Wayne Enger

Chair David Hartwell
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen
Jane Kingston
Rep. Leon Lillie

Rep. Denny McNamara
Scott Rall
Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara

Members Absent: none

Call to order: Call to order at 8:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and approve agenda: Motion by Rep. Lillie to approve the agenda. Motion adopted.

Review and Approve Minutes – August 1, 2012 and September 6 & 7, 2012: Motion by J. Kingston to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

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

Chair Hartwell reminded members of the conflict of L Bensch and W Enger as previously declared and discussed. He also reminded the Council of his own conflict with the CPL program.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Becker drew members attention to an e-mail from Becca Nash confirming the agreement with Potlatch to purchase the Mississippi River Northwoods property for \$11 million and that everything is in order to move forward by the deadline.

Review and Approve Administrative Budget

Mr. Becker presented the administrative budget and answered questions posed by members. Motion by L. Bensch to approve the budget as presented. Motion adopted.

(00:10:13) Accomplishment Plan Amendment - ML 2011, First Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 2, Subd. 2(e):

Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project

Neal Feeken, The Nature Conservancy, presented the request to amend the accomplishment plan. Motion by R. Bronson to approve the amendment as requested. Motion passed.

(00:16:03) Action: Calculating Direct and Necessary Expenses in Support of OHF Projects

Deputy Commissioner Dave Schad addressed the council on department expenses necessary in the support of OHF program and projects. He provided two handouts that gave details as to the services provided over the life of a project, cost standardization, the background, methodology, and types of costs. Council member Kingston asked that the Department of Natural Resources provide the calculations for the support services charges for each recommendation at the next council meeting.

Members recessed for a group photo with House photography.

Allocation to Requests for Recommendation to 2013 Legislative Session

(01:20:03) Members discussed the allocation process and issues and questions they had on specific requests.

Motion by Chair Hartwell to fund requests receiving 9 or more members' voting for funding, totaling \$82.603 million. Motion adopted.

Project ID	Project Title	Organization	Fund Request	# selecting \$	Average Rounded down to nearest 10K	Running Total
	Administrative Budget	LCC	\$936,000			
O2	Contract Management	DNR	\$175,000			
O3	Restoration Evaluations Program, Phase 3	DNR	\$92,000			\$1,203,000
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Ph. V	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 15,000,000	12	\$ 8,460,000	\$ 9,663,000
PA 04	Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. IV	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 9,122,800	12	\$ 5,310,000	\$ 14,973,000

WA 02	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. V	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 10,000,000	12	\$ 6,830,000	\$ 21,803,000
WA 03	Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection Program, Ph. III	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 5,000,000	12	\$ 3,530,000	\$ 25,333,000
HA 01	DNR Aquatic Habitat, Ph. V	MN DNR	\$ 16,895,000	12	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 30,583,000
HRE 03	Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership, Ph. III	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$ 3,400,000	12	\$ 1,710,000	\$ 32,293,000
HRE 05	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Ph. IV	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$ 2,900,000	12	\$ 2,470,000	\$ 34,763,000
FRE 02	Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative, Ph. II	MN Deer Hunters Association	\$ 2,153,200	11	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 35,983,000
PA 03	DNR Wildlife Management Area, Scientific and Natural Area, and Native Prairie Bank Easement Program, Ph. V	MN Dept. of Natural Resources	\$ 14,840,300	11	\$ 4,940,000	\$ 40,923,000
PA 05	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. III	BWSR & Pheasants Forever	\$ 5,000,000	11	\$ 3,520,000	\$ 44,443,000
PA 07	Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. III	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 2,500,000	11	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 46,223,000
PRE 01	DNR Grasslands, Ph. V	MN DNR	\$ 3,976,300	11	\$ 2,220,000	\$ 48,443,000
WA 06	Wetland Habitat Protection Program	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 2,170,000	11	\$ 1,480,000	\$ 49,923,000
WRE 01	Accelerated Wetland and Shallow Lake Enhancement, Ph. V	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	\$ 3,179,000	11	\$ 1,790,000	\$ 51,713,000
HA 03	Root River Protection and Restoration	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,774,600	11	\$ 2,220,000	\$ 53,933,000
O1	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Phase 5	DNR	\$ 6,028,700	10	\$ 3,860,000	\$ 57,793,000
WA 01	The RIM-WRP Partnership, Ph. V	Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$ 26,000,000	10	\$ 14,390,000	\$ 72,183,000
WA 04	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. II	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$ 4,926,000	10	\$ 1,610,000	\$ 73,793,000
HA 02	Habitat Protection in Dakota County, Ph. IV	Dakota County	\$ 4,100,000	10	\$ 2,320,000	\$ 76,113,000
FA 02	Young Forest Conservation	American Bird Conservancy	\$ 4,771,000	9	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 77,293,000
FA 03	The Camp Ripley Partnership: Protecting the Mighty Mississippi, Ph. III	Morrison SWCD	\$ 3,048,000	9	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 78,743,000
FA 05	Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership, Ph. IV	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 2,100,000	9	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 79,923,000
WRE 03	Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive Species Control Structure	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 1,127,600	9	\$ 640,000	\$ 80,563,000

HA 04	Metro Big Rivers, Ph. IV	MN Valley Trust (Metro Big Rivers)	\$ 2,456,000	9	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 81,783,000
HA 06	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program, Ph. II	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 1,420,000	9	\$ 820,000	\$ 82,603,000

(02:34:19) Members discussed the possibility of meeting during session in the event the legislature needed further information from the council regarding their recommendations. Mr. Becker said staff would add a mid-session meeting to the 2013 agenda. Chair Hartwell asked the council if he could call members by lot for initial motions to the Chair's proposal. Hearing no objection, member names were drawn out of a hat to determine an order for the first round of motions

(02:52:12) Motion by R. Schara to fund WRE 04: Goose Lake Restoration and Carp Exclusion Project at \$412,000. Motion adopted.

(02:55:00) Motion by Sen. Ingebrigtsen to fund HA 05: MN Landscape Arboretum – acquisition on property surrounding Lake Tamarack at \$1.0 million. W. Enger offered a friendly amendment to only fund the habitat/lakeshore protection and not the 10 acres for agriculture research and plant breeding in the southwest corner of the property; amendment accepted. Roll call requested.

Les Bensch- no	Chair David Hartwell- yes	Rep. Denny McNamara- yes
Ryan Bronson - yes	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - no	Scott Rall- no
Jim Cox - no	Jane Kingston - no	Sen. Tom Saxhaug- yes
Wayne Enger - yes	Rep. Leon Lillie- yes	Ron Schara- no

7-yes, 5-no. Motion adopted.

(03:06:38) Motion by J. Kingston to fund FA 04: Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in the St. Louis River the lake acquisition portion at \$1.7 million. Roll call requested.

Les Bensch - no	Chair David Hartwell- yes	Rep. Denny McNamara - no
Ryan Bronson - yes	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - no	Scott Rall - no
Jim Cox - yes	Jane Kingston - yes	Sen. Tom Saxhaug- yes
Wayne Enger - no	Rep. Leon Lillie- no	Ron Schara – no

5-yes, 7-no. Motion failed.

(03:15:29) Motion by R. Bronson to fund WRE 02: Pelican Lake Enhancement at \$2.0 million. Motion adopted.

(03:16:24) Motion by Rep. McNamara to increase funding for HA 02: Habitat Protection in Dakota County by \$1.78 million to receive the full funding of \$4.1 million. Motion adopted.

(03:18:59) Motion by L. Bensch to fund WA 05: McGregor Marsh Wetland Protection at \$1.75 million stipulating that the appraisal consider the cooperative farming agreement in its assessment. Rep. McNamara offered a friendly amendment that the cooperative farming agreement be competitively bid; amendment accepted. Motion adopted.

(03:31:54) Motion by W. Enger to increase funding for FRE 02: MN Moose Habitat Collaborative by \$780,000 to fund at \$2.0 million. Motion adopted.

(03:33:00) Motion by J. Cox to increase funding for HA 03: Root River Protection and Restoration by \$530,000 to fund at \$2.750 million. Motion adopted.

(03:34:16) Motion by L. Lillie to increase funding for HA 04: Metro Big Rivers by \$500,000 to fund at \$1.72 million. Motion adopted.

(03:35:47) Motion by Sen. Saxhaug to fund FA 06: Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County at \$500,000. Motion adopted.

(03:38:36) Motion by S. Rall to reduce all projects by 2% to fund PA 01: Grasslands for the Future. R. Bronson offered a friendly amendment to take the \$2.0 million from WA 01: RIM-WRP rather than give every project a reduction; amendment accepted. Motion adopted.

(03:46:30) Motion by R. Schara to increase funding for WRE 03: Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive Species by \$487,000 to fully fund at \$1,127,600, he asked for suggestions as to where to find the money. R. Bronson offered a friendly amendment to take \$412,000 from WRE 04: Goose Lake Restoration and Carp Exclusion Project and \$175,000 from the balance left to allocate and that the Council recommend that WRE 04 be funded through the CPL program; amendment accepted. Motion adopted.

(04:01:30) Motion by R. Bronson to fund O4: High-Priority Transaction Service Acceleration for LSOHC at \$50,000. Motion adopted.

(04:03:37) Motion by Chair Hartwell to increase funding for WA 06: Wetland Habitat Protection Program by \$500,000 by reducing PA 02: Accelerating the WMA acquisition by \$500,000. Motion adopted.

(04:05:13) Motion by J. Kingston to allocate the last \$20,000 to WA 04: Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program. Motion adopted.

Motion by R. Bronson to adopt the recommendation package as presented. Roll call.

Les Bensch- yes
Ryan Bronson- yes
Jim Cox- yes
Wayne Enger- yes

Chair David Hartwell- yes
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes
Jane Kingston - yes
Rep. Leon Lillie- yes

Rep. Denny McNamara- yes
Scott Rall- yes
Sen. Tom Saxhaug- yes
Ron Schara- yes

12 yes, 0 no. Motion adopted.

Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No one addressed the council

(04:10:14) **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

Wayne Enger, Secretary

Date