

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
Meeting Summary  
**November 13, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Les Bensch  
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:** Ryan Bronson

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

**Review and approve agenda:** Motion by S. Rall to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion item pertaining to OHF land being shown on the (PRIM) Public Information Recreation Map. Motion adopted.

**Review and Approve Minutes – September 21, 2012:** Motion by W. Enger to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

**Members report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda** – There were no reports of conflicts on today's agenda. The chair noted that the conflicts of interest identified at the September Council meeting were still in effect.

**Executive Director's Report** - Mr. Becker informed members of a letter in members' packets outlining finances associated with the LaSalle Lake SRA land acquisition. He also provided members with an updated copy of the House Research memo on the Open Meeting Law.

**Update: 2013 Preliminary Schedule for Final Adoption at January meeting** – Chair Hartwell advised members that this was a tentative schedule for final adoption at the next Council meeting, when new members could address their availability.

**Update: Parcel Condemnation - ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3, Forest for the Future** – Mr. Becker reviewed the agenda item memo and answered questions posed by members. He informed members that this would be brought up at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for final approval. This would allow, according to law, "chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the outdoor heritage fund at least 15 business days before approval".

**(00:15:36) Discussion/Action: Fond du Lac Band Meeting/Letters**

Chair Hartwell summarized the background of the Fond du Lac Band request and the meeting he had with Band leaders. He opened the floor for member discussion. Members discussed the following: criteria used in evaluating; differences in hunting rights per the different treaties; prospectively allocating money not known to be available; tribal lands closed to wolf hunting; Band property tax liability and federal government impact aid; maintaining the tax base within the county; economic contributions of the Band to NE MN, management of northern MN forest fragmentation; and expansion of Indian trust land.

Motion by Rep. McNamara that if additional OHF money was available after the November forecast that the Council recommend up to \$1.7 million to FA-04 "Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in the St. Louis Watershed." Motion failed.

Motion by J. Cox to include a criteria stating that the Indian self-governing harvest regulations shall not be considered when assessing programs requesting outdoor heritage fund in FY 15 Call for Funding Request to be approved in a future meeting. Motion failed.

Motion by J. Kingston to include a statement that Indian self-governing harvest regulations shall be considered when assessing programs requesting outdoor heritage fund in the FY 15 Call for Funding Request to be approved in a future meeting. Motion adopted.

**(01:21:29) Action: DNR Direct Support Services Calculation**

DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr presented the calculation of direct support services for OHF project and answered questions posed by members. S. Rall moved to forward the upcoming recommendations to the legislature with the following language, "Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation" and approve the method of estimating the amounts listed in the table provided in the meeting packet. Motion adopted.

**(02:23:26) Discussion/Action: Draft ML 2013 Accomplishment Plans move forward to Appropriations Bill**

Heather Koop provided members with a summary of the acre outputs anticipated to accrue in this year's recommendations. Members further discussed and asked for testimony on 2(a) "Grasslands for the Future." Motion by S. Rall to not allow emergency haying on easements acquired under this appropriation. Greg Knopff clarified that this would need to be specifically written into the appropriation language as that contradicts what is currently allowed under law. Motion adopted. Motion by Chair Hartwell that the accomplishment plan be amended to read that any money generated from the project's land transactions not exceed the purchase price(s) and any net proceeds go back into the project. Motion adopted. Motion by W. Enger to approve the draft accomplishment plans, as amended, and for staff to draft the ML 2013 OHF appropriation recommendations bill based on the accomplishment plans as approved. Motion adopted.

**(03:02:15) OHF Lands represented on the PRIM Maps**

S. Rall was interested in seeing that all OHF lands be represented in the (PRIM) Public Recreation Information Maps. This would include county and non-governmental agency held lands. He opened the floor for Council discussion. He requested that language be written and included in the appropriation bill recommendations. Chair Hartwell asked that this be placed on the December 11<sup>th</sup> agenda for further input, discussion and possible action.

**Opportunity for Public to Address the Council – no one addressed the Council**

**(03:12:33) Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Wayne Enger, Secretary

Date