

**Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
March 14, 2014

**Members Present:**

Bob Anderson	Jane Kingston (phone)	Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Jim Cox	Rep. Denny McNamara	Ron Schara
David Hartwell, Chair	Sue Olson (phone)	Elizabeth Wilkens
Rep. Rick Hansen	Scott Rall	

**Members Absent:** Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Ron Schara

**Call to order:** Call to order at 8:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Review and approve agenda:**

Motion by S. Rall to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

**Review and approve minutes:**

Motion by Rep. McNamara to approve the 2/13/2014 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda**

No new conflicts were noted. J. Cox requested that staff provide a written opinion on whether legislative campaign contributions by an organization or tribe if that constituted a conflict when voting on projects.

**(06:13) Executive Director's Report**

Chair Hartwell reviewed and handed out a process for hiring the Executive Director. Chair Hartwell reviewed the process used in 2009. The advisory search committee will be made up of one legislative member from the House and one from the Senate, citizen members will consist of one representative from each of the appointing bodies. The schedule is to have an offer made by the end of July and someone on board by September. Members also received a copy of the position description and were told any changes could be directed to Greg Hubinger.

**(37:52) Update: HF 1926/SF 2098 Authors Report**

Rep. Hansen outlined the changes that had taken place to HF 1926 in the two committees which heard the bill. He informed members that the bill will be heard by Ways and Means on Monday and then go to the floor.

Sen. Saxhaug stated that the Senate is historically slower processing than the House and does not like to make changes to OHF bills as they come out of the Council.

Motion by S. Rall to support/endorse the House of Representatives amendment of the OHF Bill, HF 1926 change in the grazing language and the addition of the pollinator language.

Bob Anderson – no	Rep. Rick Hansen - yes	Scott Rall – no
Jim Cox - yes	Jane Kingston - no	Sen. Tom Saxhaug – yes
David Hartwell – yes	Rep. Denny McNamara - yes	Ron Schara – absent
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - absent	Sue Olson - no	Elizabeth Wilkens - no

Motion passed (5-5).

Motion by S. Rall to support/endorse Rep. Hansen's legislative action amending HF 1926 to add \$700,000 to the ML2013 appropriation to Shell Rock to cover the project's final cost.

Bob Anderson – yes	Jim Cox - yes	David Hartwell – yes
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Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - absent  
Rep. Rick Hansen - yes  
Jane Kingston -yes

Rep. Denny McNamara - yes  
Sue Olson - absent  
Scott Rall – yes

Sen. Tom Saxhaug – yes  
Ron Schara – absent  
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion passed (9-0).

**(1:11:02) Update on the Farm Bill** - Bill Penning & Tim Koehler, BWSR

Mr. Penning discussed changes, purpose, and funding of the various components of the Farm Bill and answered questions posed by members.

**(1:41:07) Update/Report: ML 2011 Restoration Evaluation** - Wade Johnson, DNR presented an update on the evaluations and the program process and development to date. He answered question posed by members.

**(1:46:18) Presentation:** Environment Natural Resource Trust Fund bill - Mike Banker, Assistant Director of LCCMR reviewed with members the background of the Commission and highlighted projects from the 2014 session bill (HF 1874 / SF1899) where there may be a future OHF funding opportunity for implementing research findings from projects funding by the ENRTF.

**(2:07:25) Update/Decision:** February Forecast – Michelle Mitchell, MN Management and Budget presented an OHF update from the November to the February Forecast, possible OHF impacts of the Governor’s sale tax change and impact of HF 1777 sales tax change. In all cases there is a reserve on the bottom line and cash flow is healthy.

**Discussion:** Finalization of scoring system criteria items, scales and order for FY16 Requests

Motion by B. Anderson to change criteria #4 to remove the reference of “non-state” leverage.

Bob Anderson – no  
Jim Cox - yes  
David Hartwell – yes  
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - absent

Rep. Rick Hansen - yes  
Jane Kingston - no  
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes  
Sue Olson - no

Scott Rall – no  
Sen. Tom Saxhaug – yes  
Ron Schara – absent  
Elizabeth Wilkens - no

Motion passed (5-4).

Motion by E. Wilkens to change criteria #2 to include protection as well as restoration and enhancement and all other changes adopted by the Council.

Bob Anderson – no  
Jim Cox - yes  
David Hartwell – yes  
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - absent

Rep. Rick Hansen - yes  
Jane Kingston - yes  
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes  
Sue Olson - yes

Scott Rall – yes  
Sen. Tom Saxhaug – yes  
Ron Schara – absent  
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion passed (7-1).

**Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

no additional public comment was heard

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Susan Olson, Secretary

Date