

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
December 11, 2014

Members Present:

Bob Anderson	David Hartwell, Chair	Scott Rall (phone, ineligible to vote)
Jim Cox	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen	Ron Schara
Rep. Rick Hansen (attended via phone with notice, able to vote)	Jane Kingston	Elizabeth Wilkens
	Sue Olson	

Members Absent: Rep. Denny McNamara, Sen. Tom Saxhaug.

Call to order: Call to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Kingston to approve the agenda for December 11th as presented. Motion Adopted.

Review and Approve Minutes – November 13th, 2014

Motion by Mr. Anderson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Adopted.

Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today's Agenda

No new conflicts were noted.

(00:02:40) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC), Mark Johnson, reviewed the Council's 2015 draft schedule, to be considered and approved by the Council in January. Mr. Johnson provided an update on the status of final project reports.

(00:08:15) Action: AP Amendment to ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(k), Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategies

Don Hickman, Vice President for Community & Economic Development at the Initiative Foundation, provided testimony to the Council. Members discussed the issue.

Motion by Rep. Hansen to approve the amendment to the accomplishment plan with the provision that a maximum of a 50% match of outdoor heritage funds (OHF) will be made available for funding each approved proposal, a minimum of 20% local match (non-state and non-OHF) is required and that the remaining 30% must be non-OHF, but could be, for example, other state funding. Roll call vote:

Bob Anderson - Yes	David Hartwell, Chair – Yes	Sue Olson - Yes
Jim Cox - Yes	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - Yes	Ron Schara - Yes
Rep. Rick Hansen - Yes	Jane Kingston - Yes	Elizabeth Wilkens - Yes

Motion passed (9-yes, 0-no).

(00:29:14) Discussion: Request from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

Susan Thornton, Director of the LCCMR outlined a request from the LCCMR to the LSOHC to join them in funding an easement evaluation study. Members discussed the issue.

(01:01:40) Motion by Sen. Ingebrigtsen to deny the request for the Council to match LCCMR with an OHF appropriation of \$250,000 to the University of Minnesota for easement evaluation purposes, and that a letter on behalf of the Council be sent to the legislature outlining the concerns of the LSOHC regarding the specific need for study of easement valuation, as opposed to ecological benefits of easements. Roll call vote:

Bob Anderson - Yes
Jim Cox – Yes
Rep. Rick Hansen - No

David Hartwell, Chair – Yes
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - Yes
Jane Kingston - Yes

Sue Olson - Yes
Ron Schara - Yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - Yes

Motion passed (8-yes, 1-no).

(01:06:52) Treasurer’s Report – November Forecast

Ms. Kingston (Treasurer) briefly reviewed the forecast and introduced Michelle Mitchell, Executive Budget Officer at Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB). Ms. Mitchell reviewed the November forecast for the OHF from MMB.

(01:12:02) Potential Action: Allocation of Additional Funds

No action was taken by the Council.

(01:12:20) Action: Net Revenue Rider Language

Mr. Johnson reviewed suggested rider language regarding handling of net revenues generated by OHF program activities. Members discussed the issue.

(01:19:30) Motion by Rep. Hansen to accept the amendment as drafted on page one of the Agenda Item #9 Memo with the direction that nonpartisan staff insert the appropriate number of days called for under Minnesota Statutes 97A.056, Subd. 8(b). Roll call vote:

Bob Anderson - Yes
Jim Cox – Yes
Rep. Rick Hansen - Yes

David Hartwell, Chair – Yes
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - Yes
Jane Kingston - Yes

Sue Olson - Yes
Ron Schara - Yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - Yes

Motion passed (9-yes, 0-no).

(01:21:10) Action: Draft Bill Language

Heather Koop, LSOHC Assistant Director, presented the draft OHF bill language for ML 2015. Members discussed the draft.

(01:50:05) Motion by Rep. Hansen to forward the draft bill as written with the following additions/changes: under Sec. 2, Subd. 7, “If a project receives at least ~~XXX~~ 15% of its funding from federal funds, the time period of the appropriation ~~is~~ may be extended to equal the availability of federal funding to a maximum of 6 years, provided federal funding was confirmed and included within the first draft accomplishment plan”, and, staff will insert an appropriate number days called for under Minnesota Statutes 97A.056, Subd. 8(b). Division requested by Mr. Anderson on Sec. 2, Subd. 3(a), Protecting Forest habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed, from the draft bill. Motion withdrawn by Rep. Hansen.

(02:03:15) Motion by Ms. Kingston to forward the bill as written with the following additions/changes: under Sec. 2, Subd. 7, “If a project receives at least ~~XXX~~ 15% of its funding from federal funds, the time period of the appropriation ~~is~~ may be extended to equal the availability of federal funding to a maximum of 6 years, provided federal funding was confirmed and included within the first draft accomplishment plan”, and, staff will insert an appropriate number of days called for under Minnesota Statutes 97A.056, Subd. 8(b). Motion amended by Mr.

Anderson to remove Sec. 2, Subd. 3(a), Protecting Forest habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed, from the draft bill. Members discussed the amendment.

(02:11:00) Roll call vote on the amendment:

Bob Anderson - Yes
Jim Cox – Yes
Rep. Rick Hansen - No

David Hartwell, Chair – No
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - No
Jane Kingston - No

Sue Olson - No
Ron Schara - No
Elizabeth Wilkens - No

Amendment failed (2-yes, 7-no).

(02:11:50) Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson - Yes
Jim Cox – Yes
Rep. Rick Hansen - Yes

David Hartwell, Chair – Yes
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - Yes
Jane Kingston - Yes

Sue Olson - Yes
Ron Schara - Yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - Yes

Motion passed (9-yes, 0-no).

(02:13:00) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No public comment was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

Susan Olson, Secretary

Date