

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
June 23, 2015

**Members Present:**

Bob Anderson, Chair	Barry Tilley	Elizabeth Wilkens
Susan Olson	Rep. Denny McNamara	Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen
Sen. Tom Saxhaug	Jane Kingston	Julie Blackburn

**Members Absent:** Rep. David Dill, Ron Schara, David Hartwell (Secretary)

**(00:00:09) Call to Order:** A quorum was present (8:15a.m.)

**(00:20:15) Staff Introductions**

**(00:01:13) Review and Approve Agenda**

- Senator Saxhaug moves to approve agenda for June 23rd as presented
- (00:02:38) Discussion by Julie Blackburn regarding possibility of holding an outstate meeting
- (00:03:25) Motion carries (unanimously) with addition of Member Blackburn's discussion item

**(00:03:36) Review and Approve Minutes – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- (00:03:51) Member Blackburn moves to approve minutes from March 13, 2015
- (00:04:10) Motion is carried (unanimously)

**(00:04:28) Conflicts of Interest:**

None heard. Members are asked to sign new conflict of interest forms for 2015/16

**(00:05:25) Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Mark Johnson updates Council on staff changes, status of the Assistant Director position, and reminds Members of the Gift Policy (MS10A.071)

**(00:12:40) Session Report**

Mark Johnson reviews changes to Omnibus Legacy Bill as a result of the First Special Session:

- Exclusions: 3(a) "Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed" and Council recommended \$15,000 appropriation to LCC for website
- Inclusions: Amendment to 84.974 Milkweed; Subd. 11 "Monarch Butterfly Habitat"; Subd. 10 "Disability Access"; Subd. 6(d) "Land Acquisition Report"; Sec. 10 "Payment In-Lieu of Tax Alternatives: recommendations"

**(00:22:20) Item #6, Presentation**

FY14 Report on Restoration Evaluations (Wade Johnson, DNR)

Wade Johnson provides testimony regarding evaluations of OHF restoration projects and the possibility of future evaluations for enhancement projects

**(00:44:25) Item #7, Action**

## Amendment to Council Operating Procedures

Executive Director Johnson informs Council of suggested amendments

- Amendment #1: Clarification on the election process to make it parallel with the Open Meeting Law
- Amendment #2: Deletion of the Conservation Partners Legacy Liaison position
  - (00:46:24) Discussion; Amendment #2
  - (00:53:40) Public Testimony: Coordinator for CPL program (Jessica Lee, DNR)
  - (00:59:56) Sen. Saxhaug moves to approve Amendment #1
  - (01:00:50) Motion carries (unanimously)
  - Amendment #2 will be re-heard Aug. 11, 2015

### **(01:06:53) Item #8, Discussion**

#### **ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec 2, Subd 3(b) Mississippi Northwoods Habitat Complex Protection Program**

Mark Johnson provides brief background information

- (01:30:50) Chair recommends listening to March 13, 2015 tapes and developing a letter to the County regarding trails request

### **(01:31:10) Item #9, Action**

New Buffer Policy (John Jaschke, BWSR)

Mr. Jaschke informs Council of major changes to MN Buffer Policy

### **(02:03:54) Item #9B, Action:**

Accomplishment Plan amendment ML14, Ch.256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(f) - Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase II (Richard Biske, The Nature Conservancy)

Mr. Biske seeks Council's approval to acquire land with a DNR-held Trout Stream Angler Access easement on it

- (02:09:40) Council recesses until 10:35a.m.

### **(02:10:40) Sen. Ingebrigtsen moves to approve amendment brought forward by Rich Biske**

- (02:11:13) Motion carries (unanimously)

### **(02:11:32) Item #10, Action:**

AP Amendment – ML14, Ch. 256, Art 1, Sec 2, Subd. 5k – Evaluate the Effectiveness of AIS Prevention (Don Hickman, Initiative Foundation)

Mr. Hickman informs Council of request to amend AP

- (02:28:08) Member Kingston moves to deny changes as presented
- (02:28:21) Member Olson seconds Member Kingston's motion
- (02:29:00) Motion to deny carries (unanimously); Mr. Hickman is asked to return at a future date with further information for the Council

### **(02:29:35) Item #11, Presentation:**

Pheasant Summit Action Plan Overview (Kevin Lines & Greg Hoch, DNR)

- (02:37:25) Kevin Lines, Presenter
- (02:44:08) Greg Hoch, Co-Presenter

### **(02:58:44) Item #12, Action:**

Land Conveyance ML11, First Special Session, Ch. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(h) - Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 3 (Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever)

Mr. Sandquist requests permission for a ½ acre land swap

- (03:01:17) Sen. Saxhaug moves to approve land swap as described
- (03:02:16) Sen. Ingebrigtsen seconds Sen. Saxhaug's motion
- (03:02:29) Motion carries (unanimously)

**(03:03:07) Item #13, Action:**

Building Demolition and Hazardous Waste Removal (Amanda Graeber, DNR)

Ms. Graeber seeks clarification regarding use of restoration funds for reimbursement requests related to hazardous waste removal and building demolition

- (03:06:44) Chair calls Neil Feeken to stand
- (03:12:38) No action taken; Continue status quo

**(03:13:07) Item #14, Presentation:**

Prairie Restoration Practice Overview (Greg Hoch, DNR)

Mr. Hoch updates Council on ecological restoration practices in the prairie region of MN

**(03:35:38) Item #15, Action:**

ML 2015 Accomplishment Plan approvals

Sandy Smith informs Council of significant changes

- (03:37:38) Discussion; 5(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and Enhancement
- (03:40:30) Rep. McNamara moves to approve all accomplishment plans for the appropriations on the consent list
- (03:43:04) Motion carries (unanimously)

**(03:50:17) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

No public comment was heard

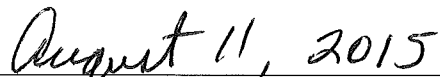
**(03:43:20) Discussion on possibility of an outstate meeting**


**(03:51:57) Discussion regarding criteria used by Members to review funding requests**

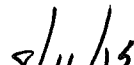
**(04:02:40) Adjourn - 12:31p.m.**

APPROVED:

  
Bob Anderson, Chair

  
Date:

  
David Hartwell, Secretary

  
Date: