

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
 August 23, 2016

**Members Present**

Bob Anderson, Chair  
 Julie Blackburn  
 David Hartwell  
 Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Jane Kingston  
 Rep. Leon Lillie  
 Rep. Denny McNamara  
 Susan Olson

Sen. Tom Saxhaug  
 Ron Schara  
 Barry Tilley  
 Elizabeth Wilkens

**Call to Order:** Call to order at 7:55 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Review and Approve Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve the agenda for August 23, 2016 as presented. Motion adopted.

**Review and Approve Minutes – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Motion by Ms. Blackburn to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

**Conflicts of Interest:**

No new conflicts were noted.

**(00:01:45) ML 2017/FY 2018 Preliminary Allocation Target**

Chair Anderson reviewed two options for allocating funds for ML 2017/FY 2018 from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF), maintaining a 5% reserve or a 10% reserve.

**(00:03:40)** Motion by Mr. Hartwell to maintain a 5% reserve in the OHF, setting a preliminary allocation amount for members at \$110,326,000. Members discussed the motion. Motion adopted.

**(00:07:50) Hearings for Funding Requests**

Members heard the following presentations:

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(00:08:02)	HRE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase IX	\$3,260,000	John Lenczewski	MN Trout Unlimited
(00:32:34)	HRE 02	DNR Stream Habitat - Phase II	\$6,130,000	Brian Nerbonne	MN DNR
(00:49:15)	HRE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase IV	\$6,305,000	John Lindgren	MN DNR
(01:21:20)	HRE 04	Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase III	\$5,200,000	Kevin J. Bovee	Lake Superior Steelhead Association
(01:41:18)	HRE 05	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VI	\$4,122,400	Andy Henschel	Shell Rock River Watershed District

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(01:50:40)	HRE 06	Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project	\$921,100	Loren Engelby	Kandiyohi County
(02:21:12)	HRE 07	Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration	\$3,015,000	Bruce Albright	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District
(02:50:00)	HRE 08	Fairmont Lakes Foundation Dutch Creek Habitat Restoration	\$1,580,000	Mike Katzenmeyer	Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.
(03:03:30)	PRE 01	DNR Grasslands - Phase IX	\$13,184,800	Greg Hoch	MN DNR
(03:38:08)	PA 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase IX	\$15,000,000	Patrick Rivers	MN DNR
(03:43:32)	PA 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VII	\$3,778,300	Neal Feeken	The Nature Conservancy
(04:00:58)	PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase IX	\$18,814,000	Eran Sandquist	Pheasants Forever, Inc.
(04:16:20)	PA 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VIII	\$6,175,000	Richard Johnson	The Nature Conservancy
(04:28:20)	PA 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VII	\$2,054,900	Robert McGillivray	The Trust for Public Land
(04:44:45)	PA 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection – Phase III	\$8,994,000	Judy Schulte	MN DNR
(04:55:42)	PA 07	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VII	\$10,000,000	Tabor Hoek	BWSR
(05:22:15)	PA 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase III	\$8,138,000	Eran Sandquist	Mn Prairie Chicken Society/Pheasants Forever, Inc.
(05:31:20)	PA 09	Martin County/Fox Lake DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase II	\$2,478,900	Doug Hartke	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
(05:37:30)	WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase IX	\$18,744,500	Eran Sandquist	Pheasants Forever, Inc.
(05:49:40)	WA 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase VI	\$20,410,000	Jon Schneider	Ducks Unlimited
(06:03:15)	WA 03	RIM Wetlands - Phase VIII	\$25,000,000	Dave Rickert	BWSR
(06:20:30)	WA 04	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase V	\$1,400,000	Dan Steward	BWSR
(06:52:06)	WRE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement -Phase IX	\$3,000,000	Ricky Lien	MN DNR
(07:08:14)	WRE 02	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase V	\$14,900,000	Jon Schneider	Ducks Unlimited

**(07:18:10)** Members discussed the allocation recommendation process at length.

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(08:01:33)	WRE 03	Restoration of Non-native Cattail Dominated Wetlands in Rainy Lake	\$1,782,700	Bryce Olson	Voyageurs National Park

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM

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August 24, 2016

**Members Present**

Bob Anderson, Chair  
Julie Blackburn  
David Hartwell  
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Jane Kingston  
Rep. Leon Lillie  
Rep. Denny McNamara  
Susan Olson

Sen. Tom Saxhaug  
Ron Schara  
Barry Tilley  
Elizabeth Wilkens

**Call to Order:** Call to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**(00:01:40) Hearings for Funding Requests**

Members heard the following presentations:

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
(00:00:18)	CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program – Phase IX: Statewide and Metro Habitat	\$11,634,000	Jessica Lee	MN DNR
(00:11:25)	FA 01	Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor	\$5,265,200	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(01:26:35)	FA 02	Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat Project	\$8,309,600	Craig Engwall	MN Deer Hunters Association
(01:55:50)	FA 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase VII	\$3,000,000	Helen McLennan	Morrison SWCD
(02:19:10)	FA 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase V	\$8,699,700	Richard Biske	The Nature Conservancy
(02:38:05)	FA 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase V	\$8,000,000	Richard F. Peterson	MN DNR Forestry
(02:55:30)	FA 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitats in Cass County - Phase VIII	\$1,404,000	Kirk Titus	Cass County
(03:05:30)	FA 07	State Forest Acquisition - Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest - Phase IV	\$7,000,000	Robert Milne	MN DNR Forestry
(03:16:50)	FA 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program - Phase IV	\$5,226,500	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(03:37:50)	FA 09	Bushmen Lake	\$4,611,500	Emilee Nelson	The Conservation Fund

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(03:58:30)	HA 01	MN DNR Aquatic Protection and Enhancement - Phase IX	\$7,023,000	Martin Jennings	MN DNR
(04:16:18)	HA 02	Metro Big Rivers - Phase VIII	\$6,643,900	Deborah Loon	MN Valley Trust
(04:36:08)	HA 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase II	\$8,998,500	Tim Terrill	Mississippi Headwaters Board
(04:55:10)	HA 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase III	\$6,974,000	Lindsey Ketchel	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
(05:24:30)	HA 05	Wildlife and Rare Species Habitat	\$13,260,800	Emilee Nelson	The Conservation Fund
(05:35:25)	HA 06	Goose Prairie	\$1,820,000	Kevin Ruud	Wild Rice Watershed District
(06:17:30)	PRE 02	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase V	\$4,735,100	Wiley Buck	Great River Greening

**(06:56:15)** Ms. Olson conveyed a concern that personnel calculations for phased projects may be overlapping, thus paying multiple times for the same individuals over time.

**(06:57:40) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

No public comment was heard.

**(06:58:00)** Mr. Hartwell proposed a draft framework for a council allocation process. Members discussed the proposal. Greg Knopff, lead analyst for the Senate, stated that as a legislative entity, the council follows Mason's Manual for Legislative Bodies which precludes requiring a member to second or third a motion. In addition, he confirmed that when allocation information was made available to members, it would also need to be made available to the public at that time. Members continued to discuss the council's allocation process at length.

**(07:27:00)** Motion by Ms. Kingston that the council never recommend for allocation more to a proposal than has been requested. Mr. Hartwell offered an amendment that the council may recommend an allocation of zero dollars, but does not recommend to allocate less than \$400,000, the threshold for the Conservation Partners Legacy Program. Ms. Kingston accepted the amendment.

**(07:28:20)** Motion by Mr. Hartwell to adopt the following process guidelines:

LSOHC Allocation Process Guidelines

- 1) Members fill out allocation spreadsheet and submit it to staff by September 9<sup>th</sup>. No allocations under the cutoff for direct funding (\$400,000 – under this and it is eligible for CPL funding). Allocations may be zero or above \$400,000, but may not exceed the request amount.
- 2) Staff collects and prepares the information showing both individual and collective funding recommendation. The collective information shows both the amount and the number of members recommending funding.

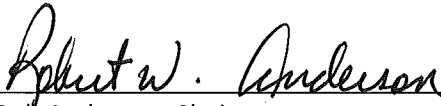
- 3) Both spreadsheets are distributed to members no later than 3 days before the meeting of the council to determine the initial allocation. The information will simultaneously be made available to the public via the LSOHC website.
- 4) The Chair's Proposal is distributed to members indicating the average allocation to programs with 9 or more members recommending funding as an initial start to discussion. Ms. Olson requested the average member recommendation be presented along with the mode of allocations for each proposal. Mr. Hartwell agreed.
- 5) The council will then discuss the projects "above the line" without any motions to change an allocation up or down based on the discussion. The discussion could be about the need to fully fund, limit funding to a lower level than the average, restrict funding to a specific part of any request, etc.
- 6) Once that discussion is concluded, the council will open discussion on other projects. Again, those discussions would be to better understand the different perspectives by council members.
- 7) Allocations will then proceed as determined by the council at that time.

**(07:29:45)** Ms. Kingston withdraws her motion. Mr. Tilley suggested the process document be considered to be non-binding guidelines. Mr. Hartwell agreed.

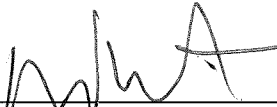
**(07:34:20)** Mr. Hartwell's motion is adopted.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM

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Bob Anderson, Chair

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David Hartwell, Secretary

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