

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
September 28, 2017**

Members Present

Bob Anderson, Chair
David Hartwell
Jane Kingston
Jamie Swenson

Julie Blackburn
Denny McNamara
Ron Schara
Rep. Leon Lillie

Rep. Dan Fabian
Barry Tilley
Sen. Andrew Lang
Sen. David Tomassoni

Call to Order: Call to order at 8:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Rep. Lillie to approve the agenda for September 28, 2017 as presented. **Motion adopted.**

Review and Approve Minutes – August 23 – 24, 2017

Motion by Ms. Kingston to approve the minutes. **Motion adopted.**

Conflicts of Interest:

Member David Hartwell noted a Conflict of Interest with ML 2018 / FY 2019 proposal PA 10: Protect and Restore MN IBAs within the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands. He will recuse himself from any decision on that individual proposal.

(00:04:32) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mark Johnson provided an overview of recent staff activities and passed along the invitation to the James Meger Memorial WMA dedication ceremony-taking place on Friday, October 13, 2017.

(00:06:53) Action: Review and Approval of 2018 Council Meeting Calendar

Executive Director Mark Johnson presented the draft 2018 Council meeting calendar. Members discussed and asked to move this agenda item to the November 16, 2017 Council meeting.

(00:14:00) Action: Request for Extension of Availability of Appropriation

ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(e), Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation

Tom Athens, Bois de Sioux Watershed District

ML 2015, First Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(j), Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration

Kevin Ruud, Wild Rice Watershed District

Project Analyst Sandy Smith provided a brief overview of each program and included justification for the extension request. Council members directed questions to the program managers.

Mr. Athens was not present to answer member's questions. Council members discussed ML 2015, First Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(j), Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration. Kevin Rudd, Wild Rice Watershed District, and Henry Van Offelen addressed member's questions.

Motion by Mr. McNamara to approve an extension of availability of appropriation for ML 2015, First Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(j), Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration. **Motion adopted.**

In Mr. Athens absence Mr. Van Offelen, Red River Basin Coordinator, MN DNR, took questions regarding ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(e), Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation. Members discussed.

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve an extension of availability of appropriation for ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(e), Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation. **Motion adopted.**

(00:58:47) Discussion: Proposals and Allocations

Chair Anderson provided an overview of the allocation process guidelines. Members discussed the allocation process guidelines in relation to the Chair's proposal.

Motion by Mr. McNamara to revise step 4 of the process to read, "The Chair's Proposal is distributed to members indicating the allocation to programs recommending funding as an initial start to discussions." Chair Anderson called division on the vote. **Motion adopted (7 – yes, 5 – no).**

(01:44:29) 20 Minute Recess

(01:44:49) Action: Allocation Selection

Chair Anderson reviewed his proposed allocation recommendation noting the total dollars available to allocate. Members discussed the proposals.

(01:45:10) Motion by Sen. Tomassoni to adopt the Chair's proposal with the addition of including funding for PA 10: Protect and Restore MN IBAs within the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands – Phase II in the amount of \$829,000 (average member allocation). Members continue to discuss proposals.

(01:46:46) Motion by Mr. McNamara to amend Sen. Tomassoni's motion by increasing HRE 08: Two Rivers Fish passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement, to \$1,700,000. Jamison Wendel, MN DNR, spoke to HRE 08. **Motion to amend adopted.**

(01:56:25) Motion by Ms. Blackburn to amend Sen. Tomassoni's motion by increasing HA 04: Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes – Phase IV by \$400,000 (net to HA 04 would be \$2,801,000). Lindsey Ketchell, Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, discussed the proposal and answered member's questions. **Motion to amend adopted.**

(02:01:30) Motion by Rep. Lillie to amend Sen. Tomassoni's motion by adding funding for HRE 06: Lake George Dam and Run River Erosion in the amount of \$539,000. Members discussed the proposal. Chair Anderson called division on the vote. **Motion to amend adopted (7 – yes, 5 – no).**

Anna Brown, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, addressed member's questions and comments regarding HRE 09: Six Mile Creek – Halsted Bay Habitat Restoration – Phase I.

Angie Becker Kudelka, Board of Water and Soil Resources, spoke to PA 07: RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water – Phase VIII, and WA 03: RIM Wetlands – Phase IX. Ms. Kudelka addressed members questions regarding leverage and the costs associated with each program.

(02:17:52) Motion by Mr. Hartwell to amend Sen. Tomassoni's motion by eliminating funding to HRE 04: Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation – Phase III. Kevin Bovee, Lake Superior Steelhead Association, answer members questions. Motion by Mr. McNamara to have the funds removed from HRE 04 be allocated to HRE 01: Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement – Phase X. Members discussed Mr. McNamara's motion. Motion withdrawn. Vote on Mr. Hartwell's motion to amend Sen. Tomassoni's motion by eliminating funding to HRE 04. **Motion to amend failed.**

(02:35:32) Motion by Mr. Tilley to amend Sen. Tomassoni's motion by increasing HA 02: Metro Big Rivers – Phase VIII by \$238,000 (net to HA 02 would be \$2,630,000). **Motion to amend adopted.**

(02:38:07) Roll call vote on Sen. Tomassoni's main motion to recommend the Chair's proposal as discussed and amended to the 2018 legislature, allowing staff to round appropriation amounts as appropriate:

Bob Anderson, Chair – Yes
David Hartwell – Yes
Jane Kingston – Yes
Jamie Swenson – Yes

Julie Blackburn – Yes
Denny McNamara – Yes
Ron Schara – Yes
Rep. Leon Lillie – Yes

Rep. Dan Fabian – Yes
Barry Tilley – Yes
Sen. Andrew Lang – Yes
Sen. David Tomassoni – Yes

Motion adopted (12 – yes, 0 – no).

(02:44:29) Motion by Ms. Blackburn for Council to make a recommendation to the Legislature that further funding of CREP should be provided with bonding as needed to fulfill necessary total funding amount for CREP match. Chair Anderson called division on the vote. **Motion adopted (8 – yes, 4 – no).**

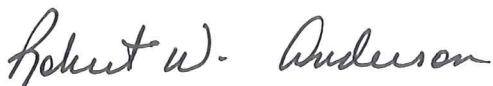
(02:47:27) Mr. McNamara requested that during the November Council meeting there be a discussion regarding whether all recipients of OHF appropriations should be required to seek approval by the appropriate local government unit prior to acquisition of fee title properties that will become a WMA, SNA, WPA, or other government owned property. Members suggested hearing from NGOs, Counties, agencies, etc. Staff should provide a list of potential options for Council consideration.

(02:59:51) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No public testimony was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

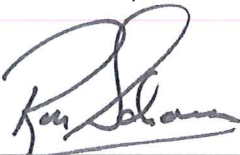
APPROVED:



Bob Anderson, Chair



Date:



Ron Schara, Secretary

11/16/2017

Date: