

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
December 12, 2017**

Members Present

Bob Anderson, Chair
David Hartwell
Jane Kingston
Jamie Swenson

Julie Blackburn (phone)
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 8:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Tilley to approve the agenda for December 12, 2017 as presented.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes
Julie Blackburn (phone) – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian – yes
David Hartwell – yes

Jane Kingston – yes
Sen. Andrew Lang – absent
Rep. Leon Lillie – absent
Denny McNamara – absent

Ron Schara – yes
Jamie Swenson – yes
Barry Tilley – yes
Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

Motion adopted (9 – yes, 0 – no).

Review and Approve Minutes – November 16, 2017

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

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes
Julie Blackburn (phone) – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian – yes
David Hartwell – yes

Jane Kingston – yes
Sen. Andrew Lang – absent
Rep. Leon Lillie – yes
Denny McNamara – absent

Ron Schara – yes
Jamie Swenson – yes
Barry Tilley – yes
Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 0 – no).

Conflicts of Interest:

No new conflicts were noted. Mr. Hartwell reiterated his conflict with Audubon, specifically with ML 2018 / FY 2019 PA 10: Protect and Restore MN IBAs within the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands. He will recuse himself from any decision on that individual project.

(00:04:29) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mark Johnson reviewed responses staff received from NGOs regarding county board notification. Council members discussed. LSOHC staff stated they will work with DNR grants management staff to amend Attachment E to require County Board notification of all fee title acquisitions prior to closing.

(00:16:44) Action: Approve Call for Funding for ML 2019/FY 2020

Executive Director Mark Johnson provided a brief overview of the Call for Funding for ML 2019/FY 2020. Council members discussed.

Mr. Hartwell requested applicants indicated how costs will change if the proposal is not fully funded. Staff will work on incorporating the question into the proposal questions applicants will complete.

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve the Call for Funding Requests for ML 2019/FY 2020.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes	Jane Kingston – yes	Ron Schara – yes
Julie Blackburn (phone) – yes	Sen. Andrew Lang – absent	Jamie Swenson – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian – yes	Rep. Leon Lillie – yes	Barry Tilley – yes
David Hartwell – yes	Denny McNamara – absent	Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 0 – no).

(00:29:45) Information: Prairie Plan Update

Greg Hoch, Prairie Habitat Team Supervisor, MN DNR, and Steve Chaplin, MN/ND/SD Chapter of The Nature Conservancy provided a presentation on the Prairie Plan. Council members discussed.

(01:03:10) Information: Prairie Pothole Joint Venture

Sean Fields, Science Coordinator, provided a presentation about the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture. Members discussed.

(01:31:51) Treasurer Report: November Forecast Review

Julie Blackburn, Council Treasurer introduced Sean Fahnhorst, Executive Budget Officer, MN Management & Budget. Mr. Fahnhorst reviewed the November forecast. According to the November forecast with a 7% reserve the amount available to appropriate for FY 2019 is \$113,923,000.

(01:43:20) Action: Approve Bill Language

Executive Director Mark Johnson reviewed the draft bill language and pointed member's attention to the drafted enforcement language provided as a supplemental handout.

Mr. Johnson provided the historical context that directed the drafting of the enforcement language. Greg Knopff, Lead Senate Analyst, reviewed the enforcement language. Council members discussed the draft enforcement language at length. Chair Anderson noted the enforcement language was not noticed on the agenda item as an action item and therefore, ruled it was not properly before the Council. The draft enforcement language will be properly noticed and taken up at a future meeting.

(02:27:39) Council members discussed recommending use of the additional available funds.

Motion by Mr. Tilley to fund HRE 02: Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership (Phase IV) – Upper Pool 9 Backwater Enhancement and Floodplain Forest Restoration in the amount of \$1,555,000, and give the remaining amount to CPL: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program – Phase X: Statewide and Metro Habitat. Members discussed the motion.

Sen. Lang suggested providing additional funding to HRE 08: Two Rivers Fish Passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement. Members discussed.

Motion to amend the Tilley motion by Rep. Fabian to add an additional \$300,000 to HRE 08: Two Rivers Fish Passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes	Jane Kingston – yes	Ron Schara – yes
Julie Blackburn (phone) – yes	Sen. Andrew Lang – yes	Jamie Swenson – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian – yes	Rep. Leon Lillie – yes	Barry Tilley – yes
David Hartwell – no	Denny McNamara – yes	Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

Motion adopted (11 – yes, 1 – no).

Motion by Mr. Tilley amended to fund HRE 02: Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership (Phase IV) – Upper Pool 9 Backwater Enhancement and Floodplain Forest Restoration in the amount of \$1,555,000, add an additional \$300,000 to HRE 08: Two Rivers Fish Passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement, and give the remaining \$4,818,000 to CPL: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program – Phase X: Statewide and Metro Habitat.

Roll call vote on Mr. Tilley's amended motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes	Jane Kingston – yes	Ron Schara – yes
Julie Blackburn (phone) – yes	Sen. Andrew Lang – yes	Jamie Swenson – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian – yes	Rep. Leon Lillie – yes	Barry Tilley – yes
David Hartwell – yes	Denny McNamara – yes	Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

Motion adopted (12 – yes, 0 – no).

Motion by Ms. Kingston to approve Bill language as amended.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes	Jane Kingston – yes	Ron Schara – yes
Julie Blackburn (phone) – yes	Sen. Andrew Lang – yes	Jamie Swenson – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian – yes	Rep. Leon Lillie – yes	Barry Tilley – yes
David Hartwell – yes	Denny McNamara – yes	Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

Motion adopted (12 – yes, 0 – no).

(03:01:27) Action: Lands in the public domain approval, per MS 97A.056, subd. 9

Jessica Lee, MN DNR, and Jim Shoberg, City of Duluth reviewed the request before the Council. Members discussed.

Motion by Sen. Tomassoni to approve the acquisition of land in the public domain as the purchase creates additional direct benefits sought by the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF).

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes	Jane Kingston – yes	Ron Schara – yes
Julie Blackburn (phone) – yes	Sen. Andrew Lang – yes	Jamie Swenson – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian – no	Rep. Leon Lillie – yes	Barry Tilley – yes
David Hartwell – yes	Denny McNamara – yes	Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

Motion adopted (11 – yes, 1 – no).

(03:22:25) Information: Upper Mississippi Joint Venture

Andy Forbes, Coordinator provided a presentation about the Upper Mississippi Joint Venture. Members discussed.

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

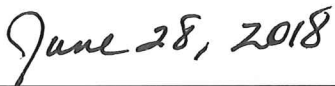
No public comment was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



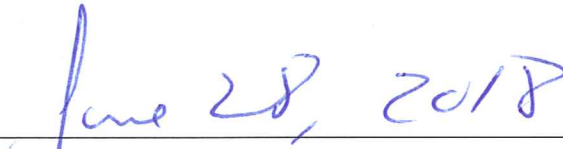
Bob Anderson, Chair



Date:



Ron Schara, Secretary



Date: