

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
September 6, 2018**

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 (intermittent
phone participation)
Sen. David Tomassoni

Members Absent

None

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:49 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Tilley to approve the agenda for September 6 – 7, 2018 as presented. **Motion adopted.**

Review and Approve Minutes – August 3, 2018

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve the minutes. **Motion adopted.**

Conflicts of Interest:

Member David Hartwell noted a Conflict of Interest with ML 2019 / FY 2020 proposal FRE 01: Floodplain Forest Enhancement – Mississippi River – Phase III. He will recuse himself from any decision on that individual proposal.

(00:05:08) Hearings for Funding Requests

Members heard the following presentations:

(00:05:15) HRE 01: Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase XI, \$3,750,000
John Lenczewski, MN Trout Unlimited

(00:26:49) HRE 02: DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, \$8,586,200
Brian Nerbonne, MN DNR

(00:54:47) HRE 03: St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase VI, \$8,800,000
Melissa Sjolund, MN DNR

(01:29:41) HRE 04: Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase IV, \$8,800,000
Tony Cuneo and Kevin Bovee, Zeitgeist and Lake Superior Steelhead Association

(01:46:18) HRE 05: Shell Rock River Watershed Restoration Program - Phase VIII, \$3,887,100
Courtney Phillips, Shell Rock River Watershed District

(02:00:07) HRE 06: Pine River Fish Passage Project 2020, \$ 1,246,000
Beth Hippert, Crow Wing SWCD

(02:26:10) HRE 07: Sauk River Dam Fish Passage, \$3,505,600
Greg Berg, Stearns SWCD

(02:48:35) HRE 08: Restoration of Norway Brook connectivity to the Pine River by removal of Norway Lake Dam and replacement with rock-arch rapids, \$2,356,000
Mike Hansen, City of Pine River

(03:06:54) HRE 09: Cedar River Habitat Restoration, \$1,320,000
Justin Hanson, Cedar River Watershed District

(03:40:10) HRE 10: Pig's Eye Lake Island Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, \$4,337,200
Scott Yonke, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation

(04:06:30) HRE 11: Protecting Aquatic Habitats through Watercraft Cleaning Technology and Community Outreach, \$7,869,100
Dane Huinker, Wildlife Forever

(04:31:28) HRE 12: Restoring the Upper Mississippi River at Lake Pepin - Phase I, \$750,000
Rylee Main, Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance

(04:58:09) HA 01: St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration - Phase I, \$8,652,400
Monica Zachay, St. Croix River Association

(05:17:40) HA 02: Metro Big Rivers - Phase IX, \$6,883,400
Deborah Loon, MN Valley Trust

(05:30:52) HA 03: Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration - Phase VII, \$4,200,000
Lisa West, Dakota County

(05:58:29) HA 04: Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase V, \$6,788,000
Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust

(06:17:12) HA 05: Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, \$5,416,000
Scott Henderson, Sauk River Watershed District

(06:31:03) WA 01: Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XI, \$14,023,400
Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(06:46:32) WA 02: Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase VIII, \$13,500,000
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited

(07:12:27) WA 03: Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase IV, \$5,235,000
Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust

(07:24:15) WA 04: Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase VI, \$1,750,000
Dan Steward, BWSR

(07:53:03) WRE 01: Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase XI, \$6,223,000
Ricky Lien, MN DNR

(08:24:57) WRE 03: Restoration of Non-Native Cattail Dominated Wetlands in Border Waters, \$1,973,400
Bryce Olson, Voyageurs National Park

(09:08:57) WRE 04: Big Rice Lake Wild Rice Enhancement, \$1,192,000

Ricky Lien, MN DNR

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
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September 7, 2018**

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 (intermittent
phone participation)
Sen. David Tomassoni

Members Absent

None

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

Hearings for Funding Requests

Members heard the following presentations:

(00:00:23) PA 01: DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase XI, \$5,050,400
Jay Johnson, MN DNR

(00:25:59) PA 02: Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XI, \$14,110,500
Steven Burdick, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(00:36:29) PA 03: MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase IX, \$9,004,300
Neal Feeken, The Nature Conservancy

(00:58:14) PA 04: Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge - Phase X, \$6,610,000
Richard Johnson, The Nature Conservancy

(01:10:18) PA 05: Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase II, \$5,008,300
Kevin Ruud, Wild Rice Watershed District

(01:31:58) PA 06: Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase III, \$8,641,800
Doug Hartke, Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc

(01:45:19) PA 07: RIM Grasslands Reserve, \$4,370,000

John Voz, BWSR

(02:01:45) PA 08: Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase V, \$9,576,700

Steven Burdick, MN Prairie Chicken Society / Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(02:14:30) PRE 01: DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase XI, \$18,035,000

Greg Hoch, MN DNR

(02:42:00) PRE 02: Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase VI, \$5,181,000

Wiley Buck, Great River Greening

(03:06:26) PRE 03: Fairmont Chain of Lakes Habitat Restoration - Phase I, \$1,390,000

Troy Nemmers, City of Fairmont

(03:30:20) FA 01: Protecting Strategic Forestlands near Camp Ripley, \$5,933,000

Emilee Nelson, The Conservation Fund

(03:58:45) FA 02: Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VII, \$13,081,600

Richard Biske, The Nature Conservancy

(04:11:08) FA 03: Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase VII, \$10,000,000

Angela Yuska, MN DNR

(04:27:46) FRE 01: Floodplain Forest Enhancement - Mississippi River - Phase III, \$4,505,000

Andrew Beebe, Audubon Minnesota

Council member David Hartwell was not present during the FRE 01 presentation.

(04:48:38) FRE 02: Enhanced Public Land - Open Landscapes, \$1,968,900

Alex Nelson, Minnesota Sharp – Tailed Grouse Society/Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(05:13:30) FRE 03: Minnesota Forest Recovery Project - Phase I, \$2,996,400

Jim Manolis, The Nature Conservancy

(05:54:20) CPL: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase X: Statewide and Metro Habitat, \$12,550,000

Kathy Varble, MN DNR

(06:05:20) Discussion: Allocation Process Guidelines

Executive Director Mark Johnson provided an overview of the allocation process guidelines and briefly discussed the preliminary allocation target for ML 2019 / FY 2020. Mr. Johnson reminded members that the allocation recommendation will ultimately be based on the “most recent” (February 2019) forecast and statutorily mandated 5% reserve. The following were 7%, 6%, and 5% reserve scenarios presented:

- 7% reserve amounts to approximately 118.8 million available for appropriation
- 6% reserve amounts to approximately 119.9 million available for appropriation
- 5% reserve amounts to approximately 121.1 million available for appropriation

Staff recommended the Council consider a 6% reserve to accommodate any possible downward forecast fluctuations.

Motion by Mr. Tilley to set the allocation target at 119.9 million, setting aside approximately 1.4 million for Contract Management, Restoration Evaluations, LCC website, and LSOHC Administration, and leaving council members with 118.5 million available for proposal allocations. **Motion adopted.**

(06:26:35) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No public testimony was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

APPROVED: September 27, 2018. A signed copy is on file with Council staff.