

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
December 11, 2018**

Members Present

Bob Anderson, Chair
David Hartwell
Jamie Swenson
Jane Kingston

Julie Blackburn
Denny McNamara
Ron Schara
Rep. Leon Lillie

Rep. Dan Fabian (phone)
Barry Tilley
Sen. Andrew Lang

Members Absent

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. Hartwell to approve the agenda for December 11, 2018 as presented.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

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

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

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 0 – no).

Review and Approve Minutes – November 15, 2018

Motion by Mr. McNamara to approve the minutes.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

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

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

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 0 – no).

Conflicts of Interest:

No new conflicts of interest were noted.

(00:03:21) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mark Johnson provided an update on recent staff activities including a recent meeting with various partners discussing opportunities for forest wildlife habitat and restoration project collaborations. Mr. Johnson also pointed member's attention to a number of housekeeping items including a minor conveyance requested by the DNR, the Council's land acquisition procedures, and an update on the communications process.

(00:20:09) Panel Discussion: Stream Restoration Methods

Dave Anderson, On the Fly Guide Service, and John Lenczewski, Trout Unlimited, provided an overview of stream restoration methods. Mr. Anderson spoke about the disadvantages of utilizing the Rosgen method for stream restorations and pointed member's attention to examples of failed stream restorations. Mr. Lenczewski provided a general overview of stream restoration methods and noted a variety of site specific constraints that need to be considered. Mr. Lenczewski stated that he was not aware of any failed restorations, and noted that stream

restorations may not appear to be successful when a project is complete as it may take several growing seasons for vegetation to come in. Council members discussed.

(01:29:25) Action: Call for Funding Request for ML 2020/FY 2021

Sandy Smith, Program Analyst Manager, provided a brief overview of the Call for Funding for ML 2020/FY 2021. Council members discussed briefly.

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve the Call for Funding for ML 2020/FY 2021.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 0 – no).

(01:38:27) Discussion: A practical approach for forest easements

Norm Moody, retired Cass County Land Commissioner, and current LCCMR member, discussed practical approaches to using easements in forest management. Mr. Moody referenced a number of specific examples of where easements have had a positive impacts on the habitat, local economy, and timber harvest levels. Mr. Moody also spoke about new and innovative secondary forest products industries as well as the benefits of forest management on the environment. Council members discussed.

(02:19:05) Discussion / Action: Outcomes

Joe Pavelko, Assistant Director, provided an update on the outcomes process. Two proposals were submitted by the November 9, 2018 deadline. Both respondents were interviewed by staff and member Blackburn. Mr. Pavelko noted that staff is recommending engaging with one of the respondents in a contract. Council members discussed.

Motion by Ms. Kingston to engage XX in a contract, to cumulatively identify, measure, quantify, and report outcomes resulting from the expenditures of the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Motion to amend by Ms. Blackburn to include that the contract not exceed \$150,000 and to be completed by December 2019. Ms. Kingston accepted as a friendly amendment.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 0 – no).

(02:30:15) 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 forecast, with 6% reserve the amount available to appropriate for FY 2020 is \$127,505,000.

Motion by Ms. Blackburn to set the allocation amount at \$127,505,000, leaving a 6% reserve.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

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

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

Motion adopted (11 – yes, 0 – no).

(02:55:25) Action: Approve ML 2019 Bill Language

Executive Director Mark Johnson reviewed the draft bill language. Mr. Johnson noted the additional \$8,227,000 available for appropriation. Council members discussed how to proceed.

Motion to amend Bill language by Rep. Lillie by adding: \$2,000,000 to FRE03: Minnesota Forest Recovery Project - Phase I; \$500,000 to HA03: Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration - Phase VII; \$1,351,000 to HRE08: Restoration of Norway Brook connectivity to the Pine River by removal of Norway Lake Dam and replacement with rock-arch rapids; \$750,000 to HRE12: Restoring the Upper Mississippi River at Lake Pepin - Phase I; \$1,000,000 to FA02: Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VII; \$500,000 to HA02: Metro Big Rivers - Phase IX; and, the remaining amount to CPL.

Ms. Kingston requested division so each could be considered as its own motion.

Council members discussed the programs in Rep. Lillie’s motion.

Motion by Rep. Lillie to fund FRE 03: Minnesota Forest Recovery Project - Phase I in the amount of \$2,000,000. Motion to amend by Ms. Swenson to reduce the funding to \$1,058,000.

Roll call vote on the amendment to the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes
Julie Blackburn – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian (phone) – no
David Hartwell – yes

Jane Kingston – no
Sen. Andrew Lang – yes
Rep. Leon Lillie – no
Denny McNamara – no

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

Motion adopted (7 – yes, 4 – no).

Roll call vote on the motion as amended:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes
Julie Blackburn – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian (phone) – no
David Hartwell – yes

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

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

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 1 – no). The Council recommends funding FRE 03: Minnesota Forest Recovery Project - Phase I in the amount of \$1,058,000.

Motion by Rep. Lillie to increase funding to HA 03: Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration - Phase VII in the amount of \$500,000 (\$3,016,000 total). Motion by Mr. Tilley to amend and increase the amount to \$1,000,000 (\$3,516,000 total). Rep. Lillie accepted Mr. Tilley’s admendment

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – no
Julie Blackburn – yes
Rep. Dan Fabian (phone) – yes

David Hartwell – yes
Jane Kingston – no
Sen. Andrew Lang – yes

Rep. Leon Lillie – yes
Denny McNamara – yes
Ron Schara – no

Jamie Swenson – no

Barry Tilley – yes

Sen. David Tomassoni – absent

Motion adopted (7 – yes, 4 – no). The Council recommends funding HA 03: Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration - Phase VII in the amount of \$3,516,000.

Motion by Rep. Lillie to increase funding for HRE 08: Restoration of Norway Brook connectivity to the Pine River by removal of Norway Lake Dam and replacement with rock-arch rapids by \$1,262,000. The total amount recommended for HRE 08 would be \$2,267,000.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes

Jane Kingston – no

Ron Schara – yes

Julie Blackburn – yes

Sen. Andrew Lang – yes

Jamie Swenson – yes

Rep. Dan Fabian (phone) – yes

Rep. Leon Lillie – yes

Barry Tilley – yes

David Hartwell – no

Denny McNamara – yes

Sen. David Tomassoni – absent

Motion adopted (9 – yes, 2 – no). The Council recommends funding for HRE 08: Restoration of Norway Brook connectivity to the Pine River by removal of Norway Lake Dam and replacement with rock-arch rapids in the amount of \$2,267,000.

Motion by Rep. Lillie to fund HRE 12: Restoring the Upper Mississippi River at Lake Pepin - Phase I in the amount of \$750,000.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes

Jane Kingston – no

Ron Schara – yes

Julie Blackburn – no

Sen. Andrew Lang – yes

Jamie Swenson – no

Rep. Dan Fabian (phone) – yes

Rep. Leon Lillie – yes

Barry Tilley – no

David Hartwell – yes

Denny McNamara – yes

Sen. David Tomassoni – absent

Motion adopted (7 – yes, 4 – no). The Council recommends funding for HRE 12: Restoring the Upper Mississippi River at Lake Pepin - Phase I in the amount of \$750,000.

Motion by Rep. Lillie to increase funding for FA 02: Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VII by an additional \$1,000,000 (\$4,741,000 total). Motion to amend by Mr. Hartwell to add an additional \$2,000,000 to FA 02: Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VII (\$5,741,000 total).

Roll call vote on the amendment to the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes

Jane Kingston – yes

Ron Schara – yes

Julie Blackburn – yes

Sen. Andrew Lang – yes

Jamie Swenson – no

Rep. Dan Fabian (phone) – no

Rep. Leon Lillie – yes

Barry Tilley – yes

David Hartwell – yes

Denny McNamara – no

Sen. David Tomassoni – absent

Motion adopted (8 – yes, 3 – no).

Roll call vote on the motion as amended:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes

Jane Kingston – yes

Ron Schara – yes

Julie Blackburn – yes

Sen. Andrew Lang – yes

Jamie Swenson – yes

Rep. Dan Fabian (phone) – no

Rep. Leon Lillie – yes

Barry Tilley – yes

David Hartwell – yes

Denny McNamara – no

Sen. David Tomassoni – absent

Motion adopted (9 – yes, 2 – no). The Council recommends funding FA 02: Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VII in the amount of \$5,741,000.

Motion by Rep. Lillie increase funding to HA 02: Metro Big Rivers - Phase IX in the amount of \$500,000 (\$3,663,000 total). Motion by Mr. Tilley to amend and increase the amount to \$1,000,000 (\$4,163,000 total). Rep. Lillie accepted Mr. Tilley's amendment.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

Motion adopted (9 – yes, 2 – no). The Council recommends funding HA 02: Metro Big Rivers - Phase IX in the amount of \$4,163,000.

Motion by Rep. Lillie to give the remaining \$1,157,000 to the CPL Program.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

Motion adopted (10 – yes, 1 – no). The Council recommends funding the CPL Program in the amount of \$11,138,000.

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve Bill language as amended.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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

Motion adopted (11 – yes, 0 – no).

(04:03:00) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

Rick Heller, unofficial representative of twice exceptional and print disabled, spoke to the accessibility of Council documents. Mr. Heller provided two handouts.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

APPROVED: June 20, 2019. A signed copy is on file with LSOHC staff.