

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**August 7, 2019**

**Members Present**

Bob Anderson, Chair  
David Hartwell  
Jamie Swenson  
Denny McNamara

Kristin Eggerling (phone  
participation post elections)  
Rep. Jamie Becker – Finn  
Rep. Dan Fabian

Sen. Andrew Lang  
Sen. David Tomassoni

**Members Absent**

Ron Schara

**Call to Order:** Call to order at 8:16 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Review and Approve Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to amend Item 5: Election of Council Officers to only temporarily fill the Vice Chair and Treasurer vacancies on the executive committee and to hold full elections after all Council appointments have been made and to approve the amended agenda for August 7, 2019. Rep. Fabian requested a roll call on the vote.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – no  
Rep. Jamie Becker – Finn – yes  
Kristin Eggerling – absent  
Rep. Dan Fabian – no

David Hartwell – yes  
Sen. Andrew Lang – absent  
Denny McNamara – no  
Ron Schara – absent

Jamie Swenson – yes  
Sen. David Tomassoni – no

**Motion failed** (3 – yes, 4 – no).

Motion by Mr. McNamara to approve the agenda for August 7, 2019, but to wait to hold the elections until Sen. Lang arrives. **Motion adopted.**

**Review and Approve Minutes – June 20, 2019**

Motion by Sen. Tomassoni to approve the minutes. **Motion adopted.**

**Conflicts of Interest:**

No new conflicts of interest were noted.

**(00:07:36) Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director Mark Johnson provided an update on recent staff activities including a number of meetings and events. As a follow up to the June 20, 2019 meeting, Mr. Johnson gave a brief presentation regarding trout stream site updates.

Sandy Smith, Program Analyst Manager, provided an overview of the status updates submitted August 1, 2019. Ms. Smith noted a few general issues and programs of concern, and pointed member’s attention to the two overview tables provided. Members discussed issues with Bushmen Lake.

Mr. Johnson also mentioned two notable recent correspondences. The Council received a letter from Spang Township regarding property taxes; a reply was sent to Spang Township and local elected officials on July 12, 2019. The Council also received a letter from Renville County regarding ML 2020 / FY 2021 proposals with fee-title acquisition in Renville County; a response was sent to Renville County on August 6, 2019.

Joe Pavelko, Assistant Director, notified the Council about a tour on August 20, 2019.

**(00:40:30) Action: Election of Council Officers**

Gavel was given to Executive Director Mark Johnson during the election of Council officers.

Nominations for Chair of the Executive Committee were as follows: Bob Anderson, nominated by Sen. Tomassoni; and David Hartwell, nominated by Jamie Swenson. Members voted using a ballot process and votes were tailed. Bob Anderson was elected Chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council with a vote of 7 to 3.

Nominations for Vice Chair of the Council were as follows: David Hartwell, nominated by Jamie Swenson; Jamie Swenson, nominated by Rep. Fabian, Ms. Swenson declined the nomination; Denny McNamara, nominated by Rep. Fabian, Mr. McNamara declined the nomination; and Rep. Becker – Finn, nominated by Denny McNamara. Members voted using a ballot process and votes were tailed. David Hartwell was elected Vice Chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council with a vote of 6 to 4.

Nominations for Secretary of the Council were as follows: Denny McNamara, nominated by Jamie Swenson. Members voted using a ballot process and votes were tailed. Denny McNamara was unanimously elected Secretary of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Nominations for Treasurer were as follows: Jamie Swenson, nominated by David Hartwell. Members voted using a ballot process and votes were tailed. Jamie Swenson was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Nominations for the Legislative Member were as follows: Rep. Fabian, nominated by Sen. Tomassoni; Rep. Becker – Finn, nominated by David Hartwell. Members voted using a ballot process and votes were tailed. Rep. Fabian was elected the Legislative Member of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council with a vote of 7 to 3.

\*Note: Proxies for Kristin Eggerling and Ron Schara were provided to staff prior to the meeting. The proxy for Kristin Eggerling designated David Hartwell to cast her proxy vote. The proxy for Mr. Schara designated Denny McNamara to cast his proxy vote.

**(01:06:25) Presentation: Open Meeting Law, MS 13D and 97A.056 Subd.5**

Deborah Dyson, Legislative Analyst, House Research Staff, provided an overview of the Open Meeting Law, MS 13D, and of 97A.056 Subd.5. Ms. Dyson also provided general guidance for the Council and noted a number of resources available to obtain additional information about the Open Meeting Law. Members discussed briefly.

**(01:28:24) Presentation: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program**

Kathy Varble, Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant Program Manager, provided an overview of the CPL program. Members discussed the historical context for having metro specific grants, and the maximum award allowed for ECP grants.

**(01:50:31) Action: Proposal Evaluations and Hearing Selection**

Mr. Johnson reviewed the process for selecting proposals for hearings. Council members discussed which proposal to hear and the length of each hearing. Motion by Rep. Fabian to hear all proposals and allow 20 minutes for each presentation.

Roll call vote on the motion:

Bob Anderson, Chair – yes  
Rep. Jamie Becker – Finn – yes  
Kristin Eggerling – yes

Rep. Dan Fabian – yes  
David Hartwell – yes  
Sen. Andrew Lang – yes

Denny McNamara – yes  
Ron Schara – absent  
Jamie Swenson – yes

Sen. David Tomassoni – yes

**Motion adopted** (9 – yes, 0 – no).

ML 2020 / FY 2021 proposal hearings will take place September 4 – 5, 2019.

**(01:59:30) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

Tom Diamond expressed concern regarding the Pig’s Eye Lake project. Mr. Diamond provided a number of handouts for the Council to review and consider.

Dave Carlson, Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance, thanked the Council for their work on behalf of the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

APPROVED: September 4, 2019. A signed copy is on file with LSOHC staff.