

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Meeting Summary
September 4, 2019**

Members Present

Bob Anderson, Chair	Jamie Swenson	Rep. Dan Fabian
David Hartwell	Denny McNamara	Ron Schara
Ashley Peters	Kristin Eggerling	Sen. Andrew Lang
Tom Saxhaug	Rep. Jamie Becker – Finn	Sen. David Tomassoni

Members Absent

None

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:50 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to approve the agenda for September 4 – 5, 2019 as presented. **Motion adopted.**

Review and Approve Minutes – August 7, 2019

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

Conflicts of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were noted.

(00:06:28) Hearings for Funding Requests

Members heard the following presentations:

(00:06:30) HRE 01: Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase XII, \$2,210,000
John Lenczewski, MN Trout Unlimited

(00:31:52) HRE 02: DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement – Phase III, \$10,442,600
Jamison Wendel, MN DNR

(00:56:03) HRE 03: St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase VII, \$6,731,200
Melissa Sjolund, MN DNR

(01:14:41) HRE 04: Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase V, \$1,890,000
Tony Cuneo and Kevin Bovee, Zeitgeist and Lake Superior Steelhead Association

(01:31:37) HRE 05: Shell Rock River Watershed Restoration Program - Phase IX, \$4,070,800
Courtney Phillips, Shell Rock River Watershed District

(01:44:026) HRE 06: Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement, \$ 952,200
Chris Lord, Anoka Conservation District

(02:10:11) HRE 07: Roseau River Habitat Restoration, \$7,200,000
Tracy Halstensgard, Roseau River Watershed District

(02:38:11) HRE 08: Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration - Phase II, \$7,540,000
Scott Henderson, Sauk River Watershed District

(02:49:32) HRE 09: Southeast Wetland Restoration, \$6,651,800
Michael McCarty, City of Mankato

(03:11:05) HRE 10: East Twin Lake Outlet Establishment, \$718,300
John Biren, Lyon County SWCD

(03:29:07) CPL: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Phase 12, \$12,450,000
Kathy Varble, MN DNR

(03:52:40) HA 01: Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, \$5,755,800
Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust

(04:11:57) HA 02: Metro Big Rivers - Phase X, \$14,407,000
Deborah Loon, MN Valley Trust

(04:21:35) HA 03: Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout, \$9,021,000
John Lenczewski, MN Trout Unlimited

(04:34:55) HA 04: Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI,
\$7,370,200
Kathy Moore, Northern Waters Land Trust

(04:55:19) HA 05: Accelerating Habitat Conservation in Southwest Minnesota, \$6,653,300
Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust

(05:05:37) HA 06: Targeted RIM Easement Program to the Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds,
\$4,853,000
Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD

(05:13:27) HA 07: Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase IV, \$9,105,300
Tim Terrill, Mississippi Headwaters Board

(05:41:11) HA 08: Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program - Phase II, \$8,926,000
Kristine Maurer, Hennepin County

(05:56:25) FA 01: Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program - Phase VIII, \$5,260,000
Shannon Wettstein, Morrison SWCD

(06:34:59) FA 02: Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase IIX, \$12,539,300
Richard Biske, The Nature Conservancy

(06:47:48) FA 03: Northern Forest Habitat Conservation, \$10,302,000
Kris Larson, Minnesota Land Trust

(07:44:00) FRE 01: MN DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, \$7,759,900
Bryan Lueth, MN DNR

(08:14:20) FRE 02: Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement - Phase II, \$2,524,700
Bryan Lueth, MN DNR

(08:25:33) FRE 03: Young Forest Conservation - Phase III, \$2,417,300

Peter Dieser, American Bird Conservancy

Meeting recessed at 6:15 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 5, 2019

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Ashley Peters	Kristin Eggerling	Sen. Andrew Lang
Tom Saxhaug	Rep. Jamie Becker – Finn	Sen. David Tomassoni

Members Absent

None

Call to Order: Call to order at 8:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

Hearings for Funding Requests

Members heard the following presentations:

(00:00:19) PA 01: DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase XII, \$4,785,800

Jay Johnson, MN DNR

(00:21:56) PA 02: Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XII, \$16,923,800

Steven Burdick, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(00:42:05) PA 03: MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase X, \$9,929,500

Neal Feeken, The Nature Conservancy

(01:03:52) PA 04: Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge - Phase XI, \$8,432,700

Ruth Thornton, The Nature Conservancy

(01:19:31) PA 05: Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase III, \$5,118,300

Kevin Ruud, Wild Rice Watershed District

(01:25:25) PA 06: Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase IV, \$11,646,800

Doug Hartke, Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc

(01:34:29) PA 07: RIM Grasslands Reserve – Phase II, \$6,150,000

John Voz, BWSR

(01:44:52) PA 08: Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase VI, \$9,947,200
Steven Burdick, MN Prairie Chicken Society / Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(02:06:56) PA 09: Heron Lake Area Conservation Partnership, \$9,610,900
Jan Voit, Heron Lake Watershed District

(02:27:11) PA 10: Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase IX, \$3,421,700
DJ Forbes, Trust for Public Land

(02:37:43) PA 11: Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program - Phase II, \$12,900,000
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited

(03:05:44) PRE 01: DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase XII, \$10,918,000
Greg Hoch, MN DNR

(03:16:20) WA 01: Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XII, \$18,959,400
Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(03:42:09) PRE 02: Enhanced Public Land – Grasslands - Phase IV, \$5,008,200
Alexander Nelson, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

(03:56:06) WA 02: Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase IX, \$13,600,000
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited

(04:14:48) WA 03: Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase V, \$5,566,400
Wayne Ostlie, Minnesota Land Trust

(04:33:52) WRE 01: Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase XII, \$3,951,000
Ricky Lien, MN DNR

(04:48:46) O1: Contract Management 2020, \$210,000
Katherine Sherman – Hoehn, MN DNR

(04:59:57) O2: Restoration Evaluations - ML 2020, \$150,000
Wade Johnson, MN DNR

(05:38:33) 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 2020 / FY 2021. Mr. Johnson reminded members that the allocation recommendation will ultimately be based on the “most recent” (February 2020) forecast and statutorily mandated 5% reserve. The following were 7%, 6%, and 5% reserve scenarios presented:

- 7% reserve amounts to approximately 117.94 million available for appropriation
- 6% reserve amounts to approximately 119.14 million available for appropriation
- 5% reserve amounts to approximately 120.34 million available for appropriation

Within the above reserve scenarios the following budgetary considerations have already been subtracted: \$565,000 for Administrative Operating & Website Budget (appropriated by the ML 2019 legislature), \$210,000 for Contracts Management, and \$150,000 for Technical Evaluation Panel.

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

Motion by Mr. Hartwell to set the allocation target at 119.14 million. Mr. Schara second. **Motion adopted.**

(05:52:15) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

Rick Heller, unofficial representative of twice exceptional and print disabled, spoke to the accessibility of Council and asked for an update on his prior requests.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

APPROVED: October 7, 2019. A signed copy if on file with LSOHC staff.