

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
September 2, 2020
Remote Meeting via Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D.021 and MS 13D.04

Call to Order: Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn
Kristin Eggerling
Rep. Dan Fabian
Mark Holsten
Sen. Andrew Lang
Denny McNamara
Ashley Peters
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson (joined at 8:07am)
Sen. David Tomassoni

Members Absent

NONE

A quorum was present.

1. Hearings for Funding Requests: Members heard the following proposals.

HRE03 – St. Louis River Restoration Initiative Phase 8: \$6,500,000
Melissa Sjolund, MN DNR; Daryl Peterson, Minnesota Land Trust

HA04 – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes – Phase VII: \$7,942,600
Terry Tripp, Northern Waters Land Trust; Bob Karls, Northern Waters Land Trust; Ruurd Schoolderman, Minnesota Land Trust

HA06 – Protecting Minnesota’s Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance: \$5,001,000
Kris Larson, Minnesota Land Trust; Ruurd Schoolderman, Minnesota Land Trust

HA09 – Targeting RIM Easements & Acquisition to the Parcel Level Pine & Leech Watersheds Phase II: \$3,864,000
Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD; Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County Commissioner

HA08 – MNDNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements: \$1,201,000
Martin Jennings, MN DNR

HRE04 – Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program – Phase X: \$3,588,900
Courtney Phillips, Shell Rock River Watershed District; Andy Henschel, Shell Rock River Watershed District

HRE01 – Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Phase 13: \$3,035,000

John Lenczewski, Minnesota Trout Unlimited

HRE02 – DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement – Phase 4: \$6,489,600

Jamison Wendel, MN DNR; Amanda Hillman, MN DNR

HRE08 – Klondike Clean Water Retention Project – Phase 1: \$3,250,100

Dan Money, Two Rivers Watershed District

HRE05 – Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation – Phase VI: \$950,000

Kevin J. Bovee, Lake Superior Steelhead Association

HA10 – Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative Moorhead, MN Land Acquisition: \$773,100

Marshall Johnson, Audubon Dakota; Sarah Hewitt, Audubon Dakota

HRE07 – Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection & Restoration, Phase 3: \$8,879,800

Nathan Hylla, Sterns Soil and Water Conservation District; Sarah Boser, Sauk River Watershed District; Scott Henderson, Sauk River Watershed District

HRE09 – Targeted Culvert Replacement to Enhance Fish Passage: \$2,720,000

Jamison Wendel, MN DNR; Dean Paron, MN DNR

HRE06 – Southeast Wetland Restoration, Phase 2: \$2,494,200

Alison Zelms, City of Mankato; Michael McCarty, City of Mankato

CPL – Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Phase 13: Statewide and Metro: \$10,450,000

Kathy Varble, MN DNR

Council discussion followed.

Action: Councilmember Eggerling made a motion to amend the current allocation spreadsheet to eliminate the DNR Grassland Phase XIII with Roving Crew (PRE01a) and Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 13 with Roving Crew (WRE01a) proposals and reduce the DNR Roving Crew (O1) proposal funding request amount from \$9,064,000 to \$4,500,000 with the understanding that the DNR will be allowed to repurpose existing funds through accomplishment plan amendments. A rollcall vote was taken.

AYE:
Hartwell
Schara
Becker-Finn
Eggerling
Fabian
Holsten
Lang
McNamara
Peters
Saxhaug
Swenson
Tomassoni

NAY:

ABSENT:

12 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT – **Motion Prevailed**

Staff was directed to revise the current scoring sheet accordingly and redistribute to Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32pm.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Denny McNamara, Secretary

Date