

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: **Agenda Item #7**
DATE: January 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Legislative Extensions of Time

Suggested Motion:

Motion by Member XX to approve / deny the legislative extension request for inclusion in the ML 2025 recommendations bill.

- 1) ML 2020, 5(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration – RRWD - **Tracy Halstensgard**

Considerations:

At the Council's May 24, 2023 meeting, a motion was adopted placing restrictions on requests for extensions to OHF appropriations. The restrictions are outlined in the following points:

- Appropriation extension requests will only be considered with delineated extraordinary circumstances related to weather or unforeseen last-minute circumstances.
- Appropriation extension requests must be submitted for Council review no later than the Council's November meeting to provide necessary time for Council consideration and potential bill language inclusion
- Extension requests must be accompanied by a well-defined plan toward project completion that provides the Council with confidence in project success.
- Appropriation extension amendments should not include an increase in personnel or DSS.

Attachments:

- Staff comments and spending to date
- Memo from Roseau River Watershed District

ML 2020, 5(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration – Roseau River Watershed District – Tracy Halstensgard

LSOHC Staff Notes:

- RRWD is requesting a 2-year extension on the ML 2020 restoration until June 2027.
- The status of the open appropriations as reported in the most recent update are below.
- This program did not request dollars in ML 2025.
- The ML 2016 appropriation to the DNR in collaboration with RRWD received 3 separate extension totaling an additional 3 years.

ML Year	Subd	Program Title	Appropriation Amount	Dollars Spent in Last Status Update	Balance of Unspent Open Funds	% Spent
2020	5(o)	Roseau River Habitat Restoration	\$3,036,000	\$769,200	\$2,266,800	25%
2024	5(u)	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation: Phase II	\$3,054,000	\$0	\$3,054,000	0%