

DRAFT MINUTES

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)

August 27, 2025

Hybrid Meeting – MN State Capitol 120 & Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D

Call to Order: Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 08:15 a.m.

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Members Present	Members Absent
David Hartwell (Chair)	Sen. FOUNG HAWJ
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)	
Suzanne Baird	
Rep. John Burkel	
Kristin Eggerling	
Matt Kucharski	
Sen. Andrew Lang	
Darrel Palmer	
Tom Saxhaug	
Ted Suss	
Rep. Samantha Vang	

A quorum was present.

3. Hearings for Funding Requests

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Members heard the following proposals:

Recording	ID	Title	Request	Manager	Organization
<u>(0:02:47)</u>	HA05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	\$8,567,700	Annie Knight	Northern Waters Land Trust

(0:18:00)	HA06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	\$3,300,000	Emily Heinz	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
(0:36:00)	HA07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	\$5,554,000	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(0:50:38)	HA08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	\$10,000,000	Kevin Roth	MN BWSR
(1:05:48)	HA09	Metro Big Rivers 16	\$21,386,800	Neal Feeken	Minnesota Valley Trust
(1:14:02)	HA10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	\$4,800,000	John Lenczewski	Minnesota Trout Unlimited
(1:39:23)	HA11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	\$9,800,000	Tim Terrill	Mississippi Headwaters Board
(1:51:25)	HA12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	\$4,044,000	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(2:14:27)	HA13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	\$9,176,000	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(2:37:46)	HA14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	\$2,966,100	Amy Crews	RES, LLC
(3:10:18)	HA15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	\$21,300,000	Robert Sip	Red River Watershed Management Board
(3:28:34)	HA16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	\$5,336,700	Courtney Phillips	Shell Rock River Watershed District
(3:38:20)	HA17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	\$19,044,000	Nick Bancks	The Trust for Public Land
(4:00:02)	HA18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	\$13,859,000	Marc White	Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon
(4:45:29)	HA19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	\$5,169,800	Wayne Ostlie	Minnesota Land Trust
(5:01:32)	HRE01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	\$1,443,000	Dale Gentry	Audubon Minnesota
(5:16:14)	HRE02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	\$1,625,000	Emily Heinz	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

(5:28:35)	HRE03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	\$2,050,000	Shawn Louwagie	City of Delano
(5:43:10)	HRE04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	\$16,558,200	Dean Paron	MN DNR
(5:56:58)	HRE05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	\$5,174,800	John Lenczewski	Minnesota Trout Unlimited
(6:13:53)	HRE06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	\$3,442,200	Jeramy Pinkerton	MN DNR
(6:35:38)	HRE07	Mud River Enhancement Project	\$5,100,000	Tammy Audette	Red Lake Watershed District
(6:51:48)	HRE08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	\$3,623,200	Dan Shaw	MN BWSR
(7:14:45)	HRE09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	\$3,564,000	Morteza Maher	Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District
(7:27:11)	HRE10	Woods Creek Restoration	\$750,000	Robert Kimmel-Hass	Cook County

4. Council Discussion

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The Council discussed the next steps in the allocation process, various aspects of the proposals heard thus far, and other relevant topics.

No public testimony was heard.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.