

AGENDA
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 8:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting: State Capitol 120/Zoom
Chair: David Hartwell

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order**
1. Review and Approve Agenda
 2. Review and Approve Minutes
 3. Members Report any Conflicts of Interest on Today's Agenda
 4. Chair's Comments
 5. Report from the Executive Director
- 8:45 a.m. 6. **Discussion:** Spring Tour and Meeting, Southeast Minnesota, June 16-17
- 8:55 a.m. 7. **Discussion:** Legislative Session Recap
- 9:40 a.m. 8. **Presentation/Discussion:** Lock & Dam 5 Carp Deterrent Design Update
- *ML 2024, Ch. 106, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(aa):* Protecting Upper Mississippi River from Invasive Carp
 - Carli Wagner, Invasive Carp Deterrent Project Coordinator, MN DNR
 - Kelly Pennington, Invasive Species Unit Supervisor, MN DNR
 - Representatives from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey
- 10:40 a.m. 9. **Presentation/Discussion/Action:** Outdoor Heritage Fund Grants Performance Audit and Council Review of Allowable Expenses Guidelines
- A. **Presentation:** "Department of Natural Resources: Outdoor Heritage Fund Grants Performance Audit", January 2026
 - Lori Leyson, Deputy Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor
 - Ryan Baker, Audit Director, Office of the Legislative Auditor
 - Mary Robison, Chief Financial Officer, MN DNR
 - Katherine Sherman-Hoehn, Grants Manager, MN DNR
 - B. **Action:** Approval/Denial of revised guidelines regarding allowable expenses and activities applicable to OHF grants
- 11:25 a.m. 10. **Discussion/Action:** Forests for the Future Land Bank Proposal
- *ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 3:* MN Forests for the Future/Upper Mississippi Project, Phase 1 & 2
 - Christine Ostern, Forest Legacy Program Coordinator, MN DNR
 - **Action:** Approval/Denial of proposed land bank for easement adjustments
- 11:45 a.m. 11. **Discussion/Action:** Accomplishment Plan Amendment Requests
- A. *ML 2023, Ch. 40, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(b):* Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation, Phase VIII

ML 2024, Ch. 106, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(p): Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation – Phase 9

- Wiley Buck, Senior Program Manager, Great River Greening
- Carrie Taylor, Restoration Ecologist, Anoka Conservation District

Action: Approval/denial of personnel budget increases

B. *ML 2022, Ch. 77, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(a): Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VIII*

- Lisa West, Senior Project Manager, Dakota County

Action: Approval/denial of large budget shift to contracts

- 12:05 p.m. 12. **Presentation/Discussion:** MN Forest Management, Forest Pests, and Forest Wildlife
- Ted Dick, Forest Habitat Supervisor, MN DNR
- 12:50 p.m. 13. **Public Testimony** - *The public is asked to keep their comments brief. If you would like to testify, please contact Tom Rebman at tom.rebman@lsohc.mn.gov or 651-284-6430 by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026.*
- 12:55 p.m. **Adjourn**

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