

Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
September 9, 2014

Members Present:

Bob Anderson
Jim Cox
David Hartwell, Chair
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Rep. Rick Hansen
Jane Kingston
Rep. Denny McNamara
Sue Olson

Scott Rall
Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara
Elizabeth Wilkens

Members Absent: none

Call to order: Call to order at 8:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

Executive Director Interviews

Chair Hartwell reviewed the application and interview process. Chair Hartwell expressed concern that the applicant names were confidential and that one of the members of the panel had leaked those names to the press. Greg Hubinger reviewed what can and can't be asked during an interview and that questions had to be specific to the qualifications candidates would have for the position.

Council member Schara stated that he had a contractual speaking engagement in Alexandria that had been scheduled for over one year and that he would have to leave the meeting early.

Members discussed the 3 candidates to interview and discussed interviewing 5 instead.

Motion by Ron Schara to reconsider the previous meetings motion to interview 3 candidates instead of the 5. Roll call requested.

Bob Anderson - yes
Jim Cox - yes
David Hartwell - no
Rep. Rick Hansen - no

Sen. Ingebrigtsen - yes
Jane Kingston - no
Rep. Denny McNamara - no
Sue Olson - no

Scott Rall - yes
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - no
Ron Schara - yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - no

Motion to reconsider failed (7-no, 5-yes)

Mr. Hubinger reviewed the questions to be asked and asked members for additional questions or to remove questions. Members decided to remove question 11. Members then decided to go around the table so each member could ask a question.

Members discussed when discussion and selection of a candidate will take place. Members discussed voting on the Director selection on Wednesday, Sept. 10, a.m.

Motion by Jane Kingston to vote on the selection of the Executive Director on Wednesday a.m. Roll call requested.

Bob Anderson - yes
Jim Cox - yes

David Hartwell - no
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen - yes

Rep. Rick Hansen - no
Jane Kingston - yes

Rep. Denny McNamara - no
Sue Olson - no

Scott Rall - yes
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - no

Ron Schara - yes
Elizabeth Wilkens - no

Motion failed (6-no, 6-yes)

Candidate's names were put in a hat to determine who was interviewed first. Members interviewed the following candidates, in the order shown.

01:00:00 Mark Johnson

02:02:32 Kevin Bigalke

02:51:45 Heather Koop

03:33:35 Members discussed the three candidates and each member shared their opinion of the qualities and their support for the candidates.

Motion by Scott Rall to recommend Mark Johnson as the next Executive Director.

Rep. Hansen amended the Rall motion to select between 2 candidates: Kevin Bigalke and Mark Johnson. Roll call requested.

Bob Anderson - no
Jim Cox - no
David Hartwell - yes
Sen. Ingebrigtsen - no

Rep. Rick Hansen - yes
Jane Kingston - no
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes
Sue Olson - yes

Scott Rall - no
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - no
Ron Schara - absent
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion on the amendment failed. (6-no, 5-yes, 1-absent)

Motion by Scott Rall to recommend Mark Johnson as the next Executive Director. Roll call requested.

Bob Anderson - yes
Jim Cox - yes
David Hartwell - yes
Sen. Ingebrigtsen - yes

Rep. Rick Hansen - no
Jane Kingston - yes
Rep. Denny McNamara - yes
Sue Olson - no

Scott Rall - yes
Sen. Tom Saxhaug - yes
Ron Schara - absent
Elizabeth Wilkens - yes

Motion adopted. (2-no, 9-yes, 1-absent)

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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Rep. Rick Hansen
Jane Kingston
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Sue Olson

Scott Rall
Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara
Elizabeth Wilkens

Members Absent: none

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

Members heard the following presentations.

Recording	ID	Title	Request \$	Manager Name	Organization
00:01:06	H RE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase VII	\$2,130,000	John Lenczewski	MN Trout Unlimited
00:33:50	H RE 02	Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and Enhancement	\$1,650,000	John Chattin	City of Bemidji
01:00:15	H RE 04	Sand Hill River Fish Passage	\$1,666,800	Daniel Wilkens	Sand Hill River Watershed District
01:25:01	H RE 06	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase IV	\$4,213,500	Andy Henschel	Shell Rock River Watershed District
01:45:15	H RE 07	Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat Enhancements	\$744,300	Adam Arvidson	Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board
02:09:16	H A 01	Aquatic Habitat Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement - Phase VII	\$12,948,000	Martin Jennings	MN DNR
02:51:41	H A 02	Metro Big Rivers Partnership - Phase VI	\$3,678,900	Deborah Loon	MN Valley Trust (Metro Big Rivers)
03:02:51	H A 03	Access to Isolated State Lands for Habitat Management	\$2,021,000	Susan E. Damon	MN DNR
03:23:59	O 1	Contract Management	\$150,000	Amanda Graeber	MN DNR
03:27:43	O 2	Restoration Evaluations	\$100,000	Wade Johnson	MN DNR
03:39:57	CPL 1	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase VII	\$5,555,000	Jessica Lee	MN DNR
	CPL 2	Metro Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase II	\$5,065,500	Jessica Lee	MN DNR

03:51:15	F RE 01	Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement	\$949,000	Bryan Lueth	MN DNR Wildlife
04:10:33	F A 01	Young Forest Conservation: Integrated Wildlife Management - Phase II	\$2,863,300	George Fenwick	American Bird Conservancy
04:30:14	F A 02	Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed	\$2,188,000	Lorena Vogt	White Earth Nation
04:44:05	F A 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase 5	\$3,000,000	Helen McLennan	Morrison SWCD
05:00:39	F A 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase III	\$4,967,400	Richard Biske	The Nature Conservancy
05:11:48	F A 05	Protecting Pinelands Sands Forest and Aquatic Habitat - Phase II	\$4,260,000	Richard F. Peterson	MN DNR Forestry
05:45:30	F A 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitat Lands Cass County - Phase VI	\$1,710,000	Joshua Stevenson	Cass County
05:59:50	F A 07	State Forest Acquisition Phase III - Protecting Forest Habitat in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest	\$4,020,000	David Schuller	MN DNR - Forestry
06:07:39	F A 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program - Phase III	\$1,920,000	John Brosnan	Minnesota Land Trust
06:22:38	F A 09	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Partnership	\$4,685,000	Robert McGillivray	The Trust for Public Land

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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September 11, 2014

Members Present:

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Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Rep. Rick Hansen
Jane Kingston
Rep. Denny McNamara
Sue Olson

Scott Rall
Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara
Elizabeth Wilkens

Members Absent: none

Call to order: Call to order at 8:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

Executive Director's Report/Approval of Dakota County Phase 5 Accomplishment Plan.

Executive Director Becker stated that approval of accomplishment plans for ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd 5(c) Habitat Protection/Restoration in Dakota County, Phase 5 was now ready and that the project manager was caught up on reporting. Motion by Senator Ingebrigtsen to approve the plan as presented. Motion passed.

Members heard the following hearings.

00:16:48	W A 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase VII	\$16,528,000	Matt Holland	Pheasants Forever, Inc.
00:49:36	W A 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase IV	\$16,000,000	Jon Schneider	Ducks Unlimited
01:11:36	W A 03	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase IV	\$2,494,800	Dan Steward	MN BWSR
01:36:00	W RE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase VII	\$4,005,000	Ricky Lien	MN DNR
01:55:04	P RE 01	DNR Grassland - Phase VII	\$9,412,300	Mike Tenney	MN DNR Wildlife
02:28:30	P RE 02	Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II	\$2,130,000	Eran Sandquist	Pheasants Forever, Inc.
02:50:44	P A 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase IV	\$9,887,000	Jason Garms	MN DNR
03:08:08	P A 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase VII	\$18,409,000	Eran Sandquist	Pheasants Forever, Inc.
03:17:36	P A 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VI	\$4,147,300	Neal Feeken	The Nature Conservancy
03:38:38	P A 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition - Phase VI	\$6,000,000	Richard Johnson	The Nature Conservancy
03:53:14	P A 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase V	\$2,000,000	Danielle Salus	The Trust for Public Land

04:04:59	P A 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase VII	\$9,548,000	Patrick Rivers	MN DNR
04:20:45	P A 07	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase V	\$12,000,000	Tabor Hoek	BWSR
04:53:06	P A 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley	\$7,064,000	Eran Sandquist	MN Prairie Chicken Society / PF
05:15:51	P A 09	SW MN Riparian Woodland Habitat Protection - Phase I	\$5,086,500	Kim Nelson / Gary Drotts	MN Deer Hunters Association
05:40:44	P A 10	Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's Important Birds Areas	\$6,209,000	Mark Martell	Audubon Minnesota
05:50:07	P A 11	Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration -- Phase 1	\$6,420,000	Kevin Ruud	Wild Rice River Watershed District

MMB Balance for Appropriations

Mr. Becker spoke to the spreadsheet supplied by MMB as a report from the state accounting system on the balances for each appropriation.

06:31:46 ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Forest for the Future conversion

Richard Peterson, DNR explained the utility conversion to the Council and answered question posed by members. Motion by B. Anderson to approve the conversion as presented. Motion adopted.

The Nature Conservancy advance request

Members discussed TNC's fringe benefits advance request. Members had questions for the DNR, no one was in the audience to answer those questions. Mr. Feeken stated that this request was not urgent and members agreed to hear this at a future meeting. Staff was directed to prepare conservative amendment language for this precedent setting authorization.

Treasurer's report/update

Jane Kingston reviewed the report. Members were comfortable and in agreement with the report.

Allocation Discussion

Member discussed the allocation process and reviewed the spreadsheet. Members agreed to NOT allocate more than a program has asked for. Mr. Rall encouraged members to consider fully funding the one-time programs they supported.

Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

No public comment was heard

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

Susan Olson, Secretary

Date