

MINUTES
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
September 13, 2022
Hybrid Meeting – State Capitol 120/ Zoom, pursuant to MS 13D

Call to Order: Chair David Hartwell called the meeting to order at 8:18am.

Members Present

David Hartwell (Chair)
Ron Schara (Vice Chair)
Sen. D. Scott Dibble
Rep. Rob Ecklund
Dudley Edmondson
Rep. Josh Heintzeman
Mark Holsten
Ashley Peters
Tom Saxhaug
Jamie Swenson

Members Absent

Kristin Eggerling
Sen. Andrew Lang

A quorum was present.

1. Conflicts of Interest Reported: No new conflicts of interest were reported by Councilmembers. Previous reports of conflicts still stand.

2. Chair's Comments: Chair Hartwell thanked Members for their attention to all the proposal heard the previous day.

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

HRE01 – Southeast & Metro Trout Stream Habitat Enhancement: \$2,913,000
John Lenczewski, Minnesota Trout Unlimited

HRE02 – Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for Turtles and Pollinators, Phase 2: \$1,300,000
Adam Arvidson, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
MaryLynn Pulscher, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

HRE03 – Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation Project-Phase VII: \$2,941,000
Kevin J. Bovee, Lake Superior Steelhead Association

HRE05 – Seidls Lake Park Habitat Restoration Project: \$637,000
Sue Polka, City of South St. Paul

HRE04 – Upper Sioux Community Habitat Restoration Phase I: \$1,100,000
Amanda Wold, Upper Sioux Community

HRE06 – Buckingham Creek Brook Trout Restoration Project: \$800,000
Kate Kubiak, City of Duluth
John Lindgren, MN DNR

HRE07 – Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement - Phase 2: \$3,500,000
Chris Lord, Anoka Conservation District
Andy Soltvedt, Anoka County Parks

HRE08 – Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's Important Bird Areas in the St. Croix River Valley:
\$1,613,600
Dale Gentry, Audubon Minnesota
Katie Bloome, Belwin Conservancy

HRE09 – DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative – Phase 10: \$5,650,000
Melissa Sjolund, MN DNR
Daryl Peterson, Minnesota Land Trust

HRE10 – DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase 6: \$13,226,400
Jamison Wendel, MN DNR
Amanda Hillman-Roberts, MN DNR

FA01 – Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program: \$4,203,000
Kris Larson, Minnesota Land Trust
John Geissler, St. John's University
Leah Hall, Minnesota Land Trust

FA02 – Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program Phase XI: \$5,500,000
Shannon Wettstein, Morrison SWCD
Brigadier General Kruse, Camp Ripley
Josh Pennington, Camp Ripley
Sharon Doucette, BWSR
Todd Holman, The Nature Conservancy

FA03 – Protection/Enhancement of Public Land Forest Habitats Through Strategic Acquisition of Private
Land Inholdings: \$2,785,000
Scott Johnson, Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society
Gary Drotts, Grant Consultant

FRE01 – DNR Forest Enhancement Phase III: \$3,869,700
Ted Dick, MN DNR
Heather Baird, MN DNR

PA01 – MN Prairie Recovery Program Phase 13: \$8,322,300
Neal Feeken, The Nature Conservancy

PA02 – Martin County DNR WMA Phase 7: \$8,730,100
Doug Hartke, Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
Zach Johnson, Ducks Unlimited
Emilee Nelson, The Conservation Fund

PA03 – RIM Grassland Reserve Phase V: \$5,000,000
John Voz, MN BWSR

PA04 – Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley – Phase IX: \$10,033,300
Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, Inc.
Dan Svedarsky, University of Minnesota (Retired)

PA05 – Working Lands for Habitat: \$6,000,000
Bill Penning, MN BWSR

PA06 – Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XV: \$13,880,500
Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.
Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PRE01 – Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program – Phase IV: \$10,440,000
Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited
Tom Kerr, USFWS
Eran Sandquist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PRE03 – Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase VI: \$4,438,300
Alex Nelson, Pheasants Forever, Inc.
Scott Glup, USFWS

PRE02 – DNR Grassland Enhancement Phase 15: \$8,187,900
Greg Hoch, MN DNR

O1 – DNR Roving Crew Phase 2: \$8,732,900
Greg Hoch, MN DNR

O2 – Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions: \$674,300
Jennifer Olson, MN DNR
Rick Walsh, MN DNR
Katherine Sherman-Hoehn, MN DNR

O4 – Restoration Evaluations - ML 2023: \$200,000
Wade Johnson, MN DNR

4. Council Discussion: The Council discussed projects heard throughout the day and other relevant topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

APPROVED:

David Hartwell, Chair

Date

Kristin Eggerling, Secretary

Date