Lessard - Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Meeting Summary
September 6 & 7, 2012

Members Present:
Les Bensch
Ryan Bronson
Jim Cox
Wayne Enger
Chair David Hartwell
Jane Kingston
Rep. Leon Lillie
Rep. Denny McNamara
Scott Rall
Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Ron Schara

Members Absent: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

Call to order: Call to order at 7:46 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review and approve agenda: Motion by W. Enger to approve the agenda. Motion adopted.

(00:02:03) Members Report any Conflict of Interest on Today’s Agenda

Council member Enger stated that he has a RIM-WRP contract on his property. Because the money received was for a dike failure, not an easement, he believes there is no appearance of a conflict. W. Enger, however, will recuse himself from advocating or voting on the RIM-WRP proposal.

Council member Bensch stated that he also has a RIM-WRP contract not allocated by OHF. Members discussed the potential conflict and asked Bensch to recuse himself from voting. The Council indicated that Bensch could discuss the proposal. Bensch complied with council members’ request.

Chair Hartwell stated that he has an affiliation with an organization that received a Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant in the past. He declared an indirect conflict and would not be voting on the CPL request before the Council.

(00:05:31) Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Bill Becker reviewed the revised schedule and reminded members of the Sept. 21 meeting. He also pointed out two letters from the DNR regarding ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5h, Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian Carp. The first described, the fish barriers and the second from Commissioner Landwehr regarding spending OHF money on the state border of Iowa and has been incorporated into the appropriation’s accomplishment plan.

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02:59:26 PA 02  Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Ph. V  Pheasants Forever, Inc.  Joe Pavelko

03:12:32 PA 01  Grasslands for the Future  Board of Water and Soil Resources  Kevin Lines

03:55:46 PA 03  DNR Wildlife Management Area, Scientific and Natural Area, and Native Prairie Bank Easement Program, Ph. V  MN Dept. of Natural Resources  Patrick Rivers

04:10:33 PA 04  Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. IV  The Nature Conservancy  Neal Feeken

04:31:00 PA 05  Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. III  BWSR & Pheasants Forever  Tabor Hoek and Matt Holland

04:43:44 PA 07  Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. III  The Trust for Public Land  Becca Nash

04:55:26 PRE 01  DNR Grasslands, Ph. V  MN DNR  Bill Penning

05:15:15 WA 01  The RIM-WRP Partnership, Ph. V  Board of Water and Soil Resources  Kevin Lines

05:37:10 WA 02  Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. V  Pheasants Forever, Inc.  Joe Pavelko

05:45:28 WA 04  Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. II  Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources  Dan Steward

05:59:15 WA 05  McGregor Marsh Wetland Protection  MNDNR Wildlife  Ray Norrgard and Gary Drotts

06:42:46 WA 03  Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection Program, Ph. III  Ducks Unlimited  Jon Schneider

06:58:40 WA 06  Wetland Habitat Protection Program  Minnesota Land Trust  Sarah Strommen

07:13:30 WRE 01  Accelerated Wetland and Shallow Lake Enhancement, Ph. V  Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  Ricky Lien

07:18:54 WRE 02  Pelican Lake Enhancement  Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  Ricky Lien

07:56:10 WRE 03  Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive Species Control Structure  Shell Rock River Watershed District  Andy Henschel

08:12:40 WRE 04  Goose Lake Restoration and Carp Exclusion Project  Shell Rock River Watershed District  Andy Henschel

(08:21:21) Adjournment:  The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**Friday, September 07, 2012**

Call to order:  Call to order at 7:48 a.m. A quorum was present.
(03:11:29) Opportunity for Public to Address the Council
No one addressed the council

(03:11:49) Mr. Becker reviewed the allocation worksheet with the council. They will be receiving the worksheet next week.

(03:13:27) Chair Hartwell opened up the floor to members to discuss any issues associated with this round’s proposals. Members discussed the following proposals: FA 04 - Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in the St. Louis River Watershed, shoreline protection regulations and law, lobbying and contacting members on specific projects, funding projects in the metro area, HA 05 - Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: Acquisition on Property Surrounding Lake Tamarack, how to note specific parts of projects you would like to fund and not others on the worksheet, WA 05 McGregor Marsh Wetland Protection, consideration of scalable projects and what to consider, WA 01 - The RIM-WRP Partnership, Ph. V verses PA 01 - Grasslands for the Future regarding federal match, the cost of easements (90% of township average assessed value), the impact of acquiring the land in fee placing an easement on it and re-selling the acquired land.

(04:11:58) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

Wayne Enger, Secretary Date