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# **Le Sueur County, MN**

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

**Board Meeting**

## **Item 8**

**10:20 a.m. Darrell Pettis, County Administrator**

*RE: West Jefferson Update*

*RE: Justice Center Contract: Tierney Brothers*

*RE: Notification of Outdoor Heritage Fund Proposals*

*RE: County Ditches*

Staff Contact:

## Kramer, Ruby

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**From:** Pettis, Darrell  
**Sent:** Monday, July 9, 2018 2:38 PM  
**To:** CountyBoard  
**Cc:** Kramer, Ruby  
**Subject:** FW: County Board Notification of Outdoor Heritage Fund Proposals  
**Attachments:** County Notification ML2019 List.pdf

Board,

This was discussed at the July 3, 2018 Board Meeting.

Attached is follow up information.

Darrell

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**From:** Mark Johnson [mailto:mark.johnson@lsohc.leg.mn]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 10:23 AM  
**Cc:** Becky Enfield; Berquam, Jennifer; 'Bob Anderson (boba@ci.international-falls.mn.us)'; Joe Pavelko; Sandy Smith  
**Subject:** County Board Notification of Outdoor Heritage Fund Proposals

Dear County Administrator:

On June 25, 2018, the following e-letter and attachment were sent to you. The letter was sent in accordance with MN Laws of 2018, Chapter 208, Sec. 4, Subd. 13(j) and was intended to provide Counties and County Boards with additional information as to potential work and work areas in new project proposals being presented to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for potential Outdoor Heritage (OHF) habitat-related funding.

My reason for this email is as a follow-up to ensure that the information was or will be forwarded to your County Board members.

If you have forwarded the letter and attachment, thank you very much! We appreciate your help.

If you have not forwarded the letter and attachment, please forward it to all members of your County Board as soon as possible. The letter provides information and a weblink that will provide County Board members with necessary information of OHF proposals now entering the review and consideration phase for potential recommendation of funding to the 2019 legislature.

Thank you very much for your time and your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark Wm. Johnson  
Executive Director  
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
651-296-6397

**From:** Becky Enfield  
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2018 2:39 PM  
**Subject:** County Board Notification of Outdoor Heritage Fund Proposals

Dear Counties of Minnesota,

Each spring, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) solicits habitat conservation project proposals to be considered for funding recommendation to the MN Legislature. This letter is to alert you to proposals that could, if they are successful in receiving LSOHC recommendation for funding and ultimate legislative approval of funding during the 2019 Legislative session, have projects within your county.

In accordance with MN Laws of 2018, Chapter 208, Sec. 4, Subd. 13(j), this letter and the web link listed below are to comply with statutory direction that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) "provide counties with a list of project proposals that include potential fee title land acquisitions in the county that is based on that year's funding requests received by the council from nongovernmental organizations."

As referenced above, the attached document provides a detailed of project proposals with potential fee-title activity within each county.

In an effort to provide each County Board with additional information beyond fee title acquisition activities, the linked spreadsheet also includes information of project proposals with habitat restoration, enhancement, and easement acquisition activities within each county.

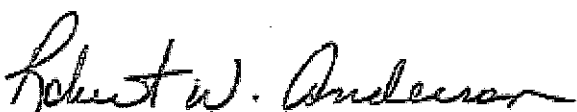
With this information in mind, it is important to remember that these project proposals have not received funding. They are simply "proposals" at this time and this is the beginning of the process through which they are requesting funding. Consequently, I would urge you to reach out to the program managers of those project proposals that propose activity in your county. The program managers will be able to provide you with detailed information including why, where, and how they hope to accomplish habitat work. Hopefully, increasing communication between County Boards and nongovernmental organizations who propose working in your county will provide greater knowledge, transparency, and overall collaboration.

Additionally, the LSOHC invites your County Board's feedback regarding the program proposals seeking funding for work in your county. The LSOHC will conduct hearings on August 22-24, to be of greatest impact we suggest any feedback be submitted prior to the hearings. It is our hope that this opportunity will increase communication and lead to stronger and more widely supported project proposals in the future.

Ultimately, the Council's goal is to recommend the use of Outdoor Heritage Fund monies to protect, restore, and enhance Minnesota's natural habitat resources to the benefit of future generations. With that responsibility in mind, the Council continuously strives to increase communication and promote inclusion of diverse partnerships. Your involvement and feedback can help the Council come to the best decisions.

For further information, please feel free to contact LSOHC staff. Their contact information is available on the LSOHC website; <https://www.lsohc.leg.mn/>.

Sincerely,



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|                      |  | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase X</a>                           | Protect in Fee w/o PILT  |
|                      |  | Protect in Easement      |
| <b>Kittson</b>       | <a href="#">DNR Grasslands - Phase XI</a>  | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XI</a>  | Protect in Fee with PILT |
|                      | <a href="#">MN Prairie Recovery Project Phase IX</a>   | Restore                  |
|                      |  | Protect in Fee with PILT |
|                      |  | Enhance                  |
|                      |  | Protect in Fee w/o PILT  |
|                      | <a href="#">Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase X</a>                           | Protect in Fee w/o PILT  |
|                      |  | Protect in Easement      |
| <b>Lac qui Parle</b> | <a href="#">Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XI</a>                          | Protect in Fee w/o PILT  |
|                      | <a href="#">Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XI</a>                           | Protect in Fee with PILT |
|                      | <a href="#">DNR Grasslands - Phase XI</a>  | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XI</a>  | Protect in Fee with PILT |
|                      | <a href="#">Marsh Lake Phase III</a>   | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">MN Prairie Recovery Project Phase IX</a>   | Protect in Fee with PILT |
|                      |  | Enhance                  |
|                      |  | Protect in Fee w/o PILT  |
|                      | <a href="#">Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase X</a>                           | Restore                  |
|                      |  | Protect in Fee w/o PILT  |
|                      |  | Protect in Easement      |
| <b>Lake</b>          | <a href="#">DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement</a>  | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation-Phase IV</a>  | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">Minnesota Forest Recovery Project: Phase I</a>   | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase VII</a>   | Enhance                  |
|                      |  | Protect in Easement      |
|                      | <a href="#">Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Phase 11</a> | Enhance                  |
| <b>Le Sueur</b>      | <a href="#">DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement</a>  | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">DNR Grasslands - Phase XI</a>  | Enhance                  |
| <b>Lincoln</b>       | <a href="#">Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XI</a>                          | Protect in Fee w/o PILT  |
|                      | <a href="#">DNR Grasslands - Phase XI</a>  | Enhance                  |
|                      | <a href="#">DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XI</a>  | Protect in Fee with PILT |
|                      | <a href="#">MN Prairie Recovery Project Phase IX</a>   | Protect in Fee with PILT |

## **Ditch Update – 7/17/18**

### **CD16**

4/10/18      Approved a 22% lien in the amount of \$60,905.96 to be spread over 7 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.

### **CD18 – JD18 Le Sueur-Rice**

9/7/17      Order ratifying redetermination actions approved - Le Sueur – Rice Joint Ditch 18  
Currently waiting for viewers to complete their work.

### **CD19**

12/12/17      Final redetermination approved.

### **CD21**

6/20/17      The Board approved an 820% lien for Le Sueur County Ditch #21 in the amount of \$10,425.48 to be spread over three years beginning with taxes payable in 2018. The interest rate is 4% and the lien will be filed December 15, 2017 with a \$5.00 minimum and \$50.00 or less to be paid in one installment.

### **CD22**

Informational meeting scheduled for August 2, 2018.

### **CD23**

4/18/17      The Board authorized a 32% lien for County Ditch 23 in the amount of \$56,859 to be spread over three years with an interest rate of 4%. There is a \$5.00 minimum charge with no penalty for early payment.

The Board directed Attorney John Kolb to prepare an order directing ISG to move forward with a full repair report of County Ditch 23 and hold at least one meeting for public input prior to returning to the Board with a completed repair report. A decision on redetermination will made at a later date, after the repair report is completed.

2/1/18 Re-Establishment of Records completed by ISG.

7/6/18 Repair report completed by ISG.

## **CD26**

4/10/18 Approved a 2350% lien in the amount of \$12,317.58 to be spread over 3 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.

4/10/18 Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.

## **CD28**

12/12/17 Final redetermination approved.

4/10/18 Approved a 625% lien in the amount of \$16,385.46 to be spread over 3 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.

## **CD35**

Informational meeting scheduled for August 2, 2018.

## **CD37**

4/10/18 Approved a 50% lien in the amount of \$20,159.26 to be spread over 5 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.

4/10/18 Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.

## **CD40**

6/5/18 The Board directed staff to move forward with scheduling a public hearing on County Ditch 40 and County Ditch 46 to discuss a potential record correction, redetermination of benefits and repairs.

MnDOT minor alteration petition coming.

## **CD41**

- 4/10/18      Approved a 485% lien in the amount of \$56,935.43 to be spread over 8 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.
- 4/10/18      Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.
- 9/15/17      Feasibility study completed by ISG.

Possible improvement petition to be submitted by landowners.

## **CD42**

- 12/12/17      Final Redetermination approved.

## **CD43**

- 1/24/18      OHW for Tyler Lake
- 4/10/18      Approved a 690% lien in the amount of \$92,236.45 to be spread over 8 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.
- 4/10/18      Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.
- 6/19/18      Board approved to acknowledge receiving a repair petition on County Ditch 43 and to hold off on repairs until after a previously approved redetermination of benefits is completed.
- 7/1/18      Repair report completed by ISG.
- 7/16/2018      Re-establishment of Records completed by ISG.

## **CD44**

4/10/18      Approved a 195% lien in the amount of \$102,569.54 to be spread over 8 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.

4/10/18      Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.

## **CD46**

6/5/18      The Board directed staff to move forward with scheduling a public hearing on County Ditch 40 and County Ditch 46 to discuss a potential record correction, redetermination of benefits and repairs.

## **CD48**

4/10/2018      Approved a 276% lien in the amount of \$56,996.11 to be spread over 5 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.

## **CD49**

Informational meeting scheduled for August 2, 2018.

4/10/2018      Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.

## **CD52**

12/12/17      Final redetermination approved.

## **CD54 – JD54 Le Sueur-Rice**

1/23/18      Board approved resolution to impound/divert water on CD54 to manage water levels on Sanborn Lake.

8/2/18      Joint ditch established with Rice County, hearing scheduled for August 2, 2018 to direct viewers to continue their work.



## **CD60**

- 4/10/18 Recommend a 116% lien in the amount of \$71,130.15 to be spread over 6 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.
- 4/10/18 Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.

## **CD61**

- 4/10/18 Recommend a 60% lien in the amount of \$10,351.10 to be spread over 2 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.
- 4/10/18 Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.
- 9/21/17 Feasibility report completed by ISG.
- Possible improvement petition to be submitted by landowners.

## **CD63 – JD63 Le Sueur-Rice**

- 9/7/17 Order ratifying redetermination actions approved - Le Sueur – Rice Joint Ditch 63
- Currently waiting for viewers to complete their work.

## **CD65**

- 4/10/18 Recommend a 35% lien in the amount of \$10,308.65 to be spread over 2 years beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum and \$100 or less to be paid in one installment. The lien will be filed December 14, 2018.
- 4/10/18 Approved a redetermination of benefits, John Kolb to prepare findings & order with viewers to be appointed.

## **CD69**

12/12/17      Final redetermination approved.

## **JD15 Blue Earth-Le Sueur**

8/24/2017      Hearing held in BEC, redetermination approved. Currently waiting for viewers to complete their work.

## **JD5 Le Sueur-Rice**

3/23/17      Public Hearing scheduled, 9:00 a.m. at 4H Bldg. Commissioner Gliszinski nominated as Chairman, Lien approved, \$71,183, 4% interest, 10 years

9/7/17      Hearing held, order for a redetermination of benefits approved and viewers appointed.

## **JD4 Le Sueur-Scott**

12/7/17      Informational hearing scheduled for - Discussed to revisit possible lien, redetermination, repair and improvement options in early March 2018.

11/5/17      Feasibility report completed by ISG.