

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2017 – Waubee Lodge, Oconto County

COUNTY	VOTING MEMBERS ALTERNATES	OTHERS PRESENT
Florence	Yvonne Van Pembrook – LCC	Scott Goodwin Rich Wolosyn
Forest	Larry Sommer – LCC	
Langlade	Dave Solin – LCC	Molly McKay
Lincoln	Bill Bialecki Wayne Plant , Past President	Matt Bremer
Menominee	Not Represented	Jeremy Johnson
Oconto	Darrel Pagel Bill Grady Buzz Kamke	Ken Dolata
Oneida	Bob Mott	Paul Mueller, Tracy Beckman – Lumberjack Staff Mitch Ives – TIP Coordinator Rosie Page – WHIP Coordinator
Shawano	Arlyn Tober Marvin Klosterman	Scott Frank – LCD
Vilas	Dennis Nielsen	Cathy Higley Kita Sheehan
At-Large	Ted Ritter – Vilas Dick Gilles – Oconto Bob Hermes – Menominee Co Roger Luce – Oneida County Claudia Baker – Oneida Margie Yadro – Florence Co	Guests: Andy Stoltman, WI DNR, Terry Schreiber Other guests included project presenters

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Hermes at 9:10am. Facing East, the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS: Those present introduced themselves and a roll call of Council members appears in these minutes.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hermes explained that the NARCD Convention is in Minneapolis in September and would like the Council to approve attendance for up to five members. Motion by Nielsen/Yadro to approve up to five members to attend the convention. Motion Carried. Hermes mentioned the budget line item for conferences for 2018 will be increased to account for this.

REVIEW AGENDA – Luce/Mott moved to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Members reviewed the minutes since the last meeting. Motion by Solin/Sommer to approve the minutes from the 7/27/17 Council Meeting. Gilles/Plant moved to accept Executive Committee minutes from 9/12/17 & 10/12/17. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Claudia Baker gave the report. The 9/30/2017 checking account balance is \$140,552.29 as shown on the balance sheet. Total assets as of 9/30/2017 are \$807,092.15 making a loss for this quarter of \$44,340.01. Baker explained the loss is due to the purchase of a new FIA vehicle, extra payroll and project payments. Motion by Tober/Luce to accept the budget update/treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE DEALING WITH OVERAGES AND CAPS: Members reviewed the Executive Committee recommendation posted online and handed out at the meeting. Luce/Mott moved to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation. Discussion: Any policy will need to make a distinction between the per project cap of \$10K & the annual project budget cap of \$75K. Policy must address projects that receive the same number of votes at both high and low ends. The ranking system developed by the Grant Committee was discussed. Percentages of amount asked for was discussed as a possible way to fund projects if total funds are not available to fund all projects that received the required number of votes. Fluctuations in funding were discussed. Luce withdrew his motion to accept the recommendation. Mott withdrew

his second. Luce then moved to send these policy recommendations to the Grant Committee so they can formulate and present policy updates for a vote at a future meeting. Ritter seconded Luce's motion. Motion Carried. (Later, off the record, Plant requested that the Grant Committee also make a policy point requiring Lumberjack recognition at Lumberjack-funded project sites.) Mott/Ritter moved to change the recommendation from **'any project receiving less than three (3) votes will not be funded'** to **'any project not receiving at least five (5) votes will not be funded'**. Van Pembroke asked that the council re-consider the recommendation by the Executive Committee. Motion Carried with a majority 11 votes.

FORESTRY AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT: Bob Mott explained there was one nominee for the Chairman's Special Achievement Award, one nominee for the Friend of Forestry Award and two nominees for Forest Steward of the Year. The committee recommends all four nominees be awarded. The awards will be presented at the January meeting.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS – Project applicants were given 10 minutes to present and five minutes for Q&A. The following people presented for the projects named below:

2018-001 Molly McKay - Closing the Gap-Invasive Species Action in Langlade County

2018-003 Ron Yadro - Greenhouse Learning Lab

2018-004 Robin Ginner - Wildlife/Forest Loop Trail Improvement Project - Trees for Tomorrow

2018-005 Bill Jaeger/Michele Sadauskus - Town of Newbold 2018 Terrestrial Invasive Species Survey & Management Plan

2018-006 Rosie Page - WHIP Coordinator Support – During questions of the WHIP presenter, Mott/Luce moved that the Executive Committee make a Council recommendation to approach on-going funding of groups like WHIP & TIP that are fiscally sponsored by Lumberjack, differently than being part of the normally funded projects. Motion Carried.

2018-002 Gene Bebel - River Bend Trail of Merrill

2018-007 Mitch Ives - TIP Coordinator Support

2018-008 Carmen Thiel - Vilas County Public Boat Decontamination Services

2018-009 Scott Goodwin - Understanding Regional Water Chemistry: Spectrophotometric Analysis

2018-010 Kita Sheehan -Vilas & Oneida Counties: Lake Water Clarity & Property Values

2018-011 Al Murray - 2018 Silver Lake Improvements

PROJECT VOTE: Hermes handed out one ballot to each voting member in attendance. There are currently 16 members eligible to vote. Of the 16 eligible, there were 15 present. Hermes collected 15 ballots. The meeting broke for lunch at 12:03pm. While at lunch, Hermes tallied the votes.

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT: Hermes called the meeting back to order at 12:45pm and announced the results as follows:

2018-001 – 9 votes	2018-005 – 11 votes	2018-009 – 12 votes
2018-002 – 4 votes	2018-006 – 9 votes	2018-010 – 6 votes
2018-003 – 13 votes	2018-007 – 12 votes	2018-011 – 7 votes
2018-004 – 12 votes	2018-008 – 5 votes	

According to the motion approved above, any project not receiving at least five votes will not be funded. Therefore, project 2018-002 River Bend Trail of Merrill will not be funded.

The Next Meeting will be January 25th, in Oneida County.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 12:53.



Submitted 10/18/2017 by Yvonne VanPembroke, Secretary