

MINUTES – Executive Committee Meeting

4/16/2019 – 10:00AM – Lumberjack Office

Present: Bob Hermes, Wayne Plant, Claudia Baker, Yvonne Van Pembrook, Dave Solin. Staff: Paul Mueller & Tracy Beckman

1. Call to Order at 10:13am
2. Motion by Van Pembrook/Plant to approve the agenda with the addition of Forest Management contracting and 5-year contract to the FIA Items list and Curran Building issues. Motion Carried.
3. FIA ITEMS –
 - a. Employee Items – Mike D Review-Members reviewed the recommendation by Mueller for a step increase from GS-6 to GS-7. Van Pembrook/Baker moved to approve the increase. Motion Carried.
 - b. Iron County budget proposal – Mueller presented members with the proposed budget for Iron County plots, which is like the work we're already doing for Bayfield county. After discussion, Plant/Van Pembrook moved to approve submitting our proposal for a contract to Bayfield County. Motion Carried.
 - c. Forests Management Contracts – Mueller explained our desire to work with private forests landowners. He received a call from a landowner who wants us to write a plan so he's looking for approval to make a contract with the landowner. Motion by Plant/Van Pembrook to allow Mueller to pursue the contract with the landowner to write a forest management plan and for any other landowners that may call for the same purpose.
 - d. FIA 5-year contract – Mueller and Beckman are working on the bid for the upcoming 5-year contract. Lumberjack's on an email list to receive notice when the request for bids are due.
4. Central location for October Council Meeting – It was decided the Council should discuss a central location for the October meeting because so many project applicants attend. It would only be for October and the rest of the year would continue rotating counties alphabetically. Hermes will research the map of the nine counties, finding the most central location so it is available to discuss at the 4/25/19 meeting.
5. Evers Letter - At the 1/17/2019 Executive Committee meeting, the committee decided to base an introductory letter to Gov. Evers on what the State Association decides at their meeting on 1/24/19. At that meeting the State Association decided to form an ad hoc committee comprised of a member from each council with the goal of developing a 5-point letter that represents the interest of all councils and the State Association as a whole. As a result, we will table the letter from Lumberjack in lieu of a letter from the State Association.
6. NARCD Dues – This item is being discussed because of the upheaval at the National Association and that we don't get a lot for our dues. After discussing the pros and cons of paying the \$400 membership, the committee decided to recommend to the entire council that we continue to support the NARCD in the short-term. Baker/Van Pembrook moved to pay 2019 dues and re-address the issue next year. Motion Carried.
7. Sustainable Forestry Conference – The conference was attended by Council Members Plant and Solin and staff Beckman, Mueller & Smith. It was held at Keyes Peak Ski Lodge in Florence. It was noted that the multi-year Lumberjack Grant has now expired and if the conference is going to seek funds from Lumberjack, they'll have to apply annually beginning in 2019.

