

LUMBERJACK RC&D COUNCIL MEETING
 APRIL 17, 2013
 LAKEWOOD, WISCONSIN
 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by President Plant at 10:04 AM. Facing the flag of the United States, the attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Self introductions were conducted. All attendees registered on the sign-in sheets. Kamke welcomed everyone to Oconto County.

COUNTY	BOARD MEMBERS/ALTERNATES	OTHERS PRESENT
Florence	Yvonne Van Pembrook - LCC	
Forest	Jim Stormer – LCC Erhard Huettl – LCC	
Langlade	Gene Kamps – LCC Dave Solin - LCC	Marie Graupner - LCD
Lincoln	Wayne Plant - LCC	Diane Hanson - LCD
Menominee	Bob Hermes – LCC	
Oconto	Dick Gilles – LCC	Ken Dolata – LCD Mary Lemmen – LCC Darrel Pagel – LCC Rachel Wilcox – LCD Bill Grady – LCC Buzz Kamke - LCC
Oneida	Tom Rudolph – LCC Bob Mott - LCC	Claudia Baker – Lumberjack Paul Mueller – Lumberjack John Preuss – Lumberjack
Shawano	Richard Ferfecki - LCC	Scott Frank – LCD
Vilas		Carolyn Scholl - LCD
At-Large	Roger Luce – At Large Mary Platner – At Large Jack Sroka – At Large	Mary Huettl - guest

REVIEW AGENDA

Baker added a report by Mueller to the New or Other Business.
 Kamps/Solin made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 council meeting, and the January 11, 2013 Executive Committee meeting, mailed to all board members, was made by Gilles/Hermes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rudolph reviewed highlights of the financial reports. A motion was made by Platner/Van Pembroke to accept the treasurer's report pending an audit. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AG/ENERGY COMMITTEE

As Margie Yadro was ill, Kamps requested Van Pembroke to give the council an overview of the Crossroads Park project. Questions from the council were answered. Kamps informed the council that the committee has recommended approval. A motion was made to approve the project by Gilles/Sroka. Motion carried.

FINANCE/CONTRACTING COMMITTEE

Rudolph notified the council that an audit was held on April 3rd. The results will be available at the July council meeting.

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Hermes called on Graupner to present the council with a synopsis of the Inventory of Invasive Species on the Highway Systems of Langlade County. Hermes reported the Forestry Committee was in favor of approval. A motion was made by Luce/Sroka to approve the project. Motion carried.

Hermes asked the council for more nominations for the Sustainable Forestry Awards.

PERSONNEL/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Changes to the health insurance coverage for employees was presented to the full council and discussed. A motion was made by Stormer/Kamps to offer an incentive to change from a traditional insurance policy to a high deductible/HSA policy. Motion carried. A motion was made by Platner/Rudolph to give employees a choice between the 17 plans offered by United Health Care. Motion carried. The personnel manual will be amended to reflect these changes in coverage.

RECREATION-TOURISM/RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Van Pembroke spoke to the council regarding Outdoor Access for Everyone project. The committee recommends approval. Van Pembroke/Rudolph made a motion to approve the project. Motion carried.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

FIA report: Mueller informed the council about the status of the FIA/WiCFI projects and personnel.

Presentation: John Preuss, AIS Coordinator- Preuss informed the council of accomplishments from April 2012 to present; as well as projects which will be worked on in the near future.

REPORT ON JANUARY 24, 2013 STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Plant, Rudolph and Huettl brought the council up-to-date with the State Association. The next association meeting is Thursday, April 18th.

Luce spoke on various economic development councils becoming involved in a marketing program for value-added timber.

Sroka mentioned that Baker had given a presentation on Lumberjack and RC&Ds at the Merrill Rotary Club meeting, April 9th.

NEXT MEETING

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17th in Oneida County.

Rudolph suggested that board members pick up copies of the new booklet; Baker produced "What is an RC&D" and distribute them to other county supervisors, etc.

Scholl announced a Youth Conservation camp to be held in Eagle River, June 25th-28th. Children from 9th – 12th grade may attend. For more information, see: vilasconservation.org.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rudolph/Luce. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Van Pembroke, Council Secretary