

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2018 – Holiday Acres, Oneida County

| COUNTY | VOTING MEMBERS ALTERNATES | OTHERS PRESENT |
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| Florence | Yvonne Van Pembrook – LCC | Ron Yadro |
| Forest | Larry Sommer – LCC | |
| Langlade | Joe Novak – LCC | Molly McKay |
| Lincoln | Bill Bialecki | Matt Bremer |
| Menominee | Not Represented | |
| Oconto | Darrel Pagel Bill Grady | Ken Dolata – LCD |
| Oneida | Bob Mott | Michele Sadauskas, LWCD Paul Mueller, Tracy Beckman -Staff Mitch Ives – TIP Coordinator Rosie Page – WHIP Coordinator |
| Shawano | Marvin Klosterman | Scott Frank – LCD Mary George - LCD |
| Vilas | | Carolyn Scholl |
| At-Large | Dick Gilles – Oconto Bob Hermes – Menominee Co Roger Luce – Oneida County Claudia Baker – Oneida Margie Yadro – Florence Co | Guests: Sustainable Forestry Award Winners & their guests |

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Hermes at 10:00am. 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.

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

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hermes noted that at the April meeting there will be elections of new officers and any at-large nominees. Hermes announced 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Lumberjack’s incorporation and members should contact Beckman with ideas for a 50th Anniversary Celebration that will take place in the summer of 2018.

MINUTES: Members reviewed the minutes of the 10/27 meeting. It was noted that Karen Schreiber was not at the meeting so her name should be removed. It was also noted that Kita Sheehan was representing Vilas CO LWCD so should appear in the roll call. Motion by Gilles/Yadro to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Claudia Baker gave the report. The 12/31/2017 checking account balance is \$188,892.77 as shown on the balance sheet. Total assets as of 12/31/2017 are \$850,440.18 making a gain for the quarter of \$43,348.03. Baker reviewed the end of the year budget update and the full council balance sheet. Motion by Pagel/Bialecki to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion Carried. Motion Luce/Van Pembrook to approve the end of year 2017 budget update. Motion carried.

The 2018 Proposed budget was reviewed by members. Motion by Gilles/Mott to approve with changes to gl#4200 (combine it with line item 6120 Meeting expense) and correct the 2017 audit line item from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Motion Carried.

Review/Approve Plan of Work – Beckman presented the plan of work. Motion by Van Pembrook/Bialecki to approve the plan with the following changes: Page five add contact information, contact each LWCD to make sure they have a link to Lumberjack on their websites and make a note of that in the Partner section. Motion Carried.

Review/Vote Grant Committee Policy Recommendations – Beckman explained the background and the process that led to the policy change recommendations being presented today. Hermes explained he heard good comments about the

process but also heard things that can be improved. He explained that is the reason a closed session following project presentations is being recommended. The group discussed the funding cap and other changes. Motion by Luce/Mott to approve the policy changes as presented. Hermes thanked the group for all their hard work over the years. Luce noted it is a work in progress.

Review/Approve Branding Guidelines Beckman presented the Branding Guidelines and explained there will be two motions, one to approve a logo and the other to approve the entire document.

Review/Approve Logo Design – Members reviewed the three final choices for the new logo. Hermes called for a vote:

Logo Design 1 received 3 votes

Logo Design 2 received 8 votes

Logo Design 3 received zero votes

Number 2 received the most votes however many felt the axe should be in front of the tree and that a 50th anniversary banner be added for this year. Gilles/Yadro moved to approve # 2 with the two changes mentioned. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mott/Van Pembroke to approve the Lumberjack RC&D Branding & Visual Identity Guidelines (with the newly approved logo.) Motion Carried.

FIA/CFI – Paul talked about an opening he is trying to fill for a position vacated by the person hired in May.

TIP – Mitch talked about a new contract with the Town of Rolling to do control on an infestation of wild parsnip. TIP hopes to do some work in Oconto County and they also have other townships with which they work.

WHIP – Rosie gave an update for WHIP and their work on the Natural Lakes area began last fall. The Forest Service grant will allow WHIP to continue project WOW and do some work on purple loosestrife. WHIP is also a project for a group of Leadership Oneida County participants who plan to do a communications plan for WHIP.

Luce notified the group that today will be his last meeting and he thanked the group for their time and effort. Bill Grady announced it will also be his last meeting. Both were thanked and given a round of applause for their hard work throughout the years.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS – Bob Mott presented for the Pelican Lake Property Owner's Association who were awarded a \$10,000 Lumberjack grant in 2013 to complete the project Pelican Lake Buffer Zone. It is a native plant buffer zone along the lakeshore that serves as a guide for others hoping to create a more native lakefront.

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY AWARDS: Bob Mott presented the 2018 Sustainable Forestry Awards. The **Chairman's Special Achievement Award** was presented to PCA Woodlands Group, the **Forest Steward of the Year Award** (two awards were presented in this category) was presented to Deerpath Farm & Dean Mehlberg and the **Friend of Forestry Award** was presented to Stuart Boren.

The Next Meeting will be April 26th in Shawano County at the Navarino Nature Center.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 12:53.



Submitted 1/25/2018 by Yvonne VanPembroke, Secretary