

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes  
October 31, 2019 – Mole Lake Casino, Forest Co.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>VOTING MEMBERS ALTERNATES</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
<b>Florence</b>	<b>Yvonne Van Pembrook</b> – LCC	Scott Goodwin – LCD
<b>Forest</b>	<b>Larry Sommers</b> – LCC	Steve Kircher - LCD
<b>Langlade</b>	<b>Carol Feller-Gottard</b> – LCC <b>Reinhardt Balcerzak</b> - LCC	Molly McKay – LCD
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Bill Bialecki</b> - LCC <b>Wayne Plant</b> – Past President	Matt Bremer – LCD Mitchell McCarthy - LCD
<b>Menominee</b>	<b>Heather P</b>	Jeremy Johnson - LCD
<b>Oconto</b>	<b>Doug Allen</b> - LCC	Chad Trudell – LCD
<b>Oneida</b>	<b>Alan VanRaalte</b> - LCC	
<b>Shawano</b>	<b>Arlyn Tober</b> – LCC <b>Marvin Klosterman</b> - LCC	
<b>Vilas</b>	<b>Absent</b> – LCC	Carolyn Scholl Al Murray, Vilas Co Forestry
<b>At-Large</b>	<b>Dick Gilles</b> – Oconto <b>Bob Hermes</b> – Menominee Co <b>Ted Ritter</b> – Vilas Co <b>Margie Yadro</b> – Florence Co	<b>Guests:</b> Project Presenters <b>Staff:</b> Tracy Beckman, Paul Mueller, Alix Bjorklund, Rosie Page

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Hermes at 9:14am. Facing the Flag of the United States, the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA** – Sommer/Bialecki moved to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

**PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Hermes explained the extended deadline of 11/15 to submit forestry award nominees, there is a 2020 calendar of meeting dates and deadlines in today's packet.

**MINUTES:** Members reviewed the minutes of the 7/25/19 Council meeting and the 8/21 & 10/16 Executive Committee meetings. Plant/Yadro moved to approve. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Members reviewed the Treasurer's report. Beckman explained the 9/30/2019 checking balance was \$62,053.97 as shown on the balance sheet. Total assets as of 9/30/2019 were \$830,151.36. Motion by Hermes/VanRaalte to approve the 9/30/19 Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Members reviewed the 9/30/2019 budget update. Motion by Gilles/Plant to approve. Motion Carried.

Members reviewed the Project Updated and noted that two 2019 projects were granted extensions into 2020.

Audit – Voting Council Members received a copy of the 2018 Audited Financial statements (anyone else can access online) that noted normal deficiencies for an organization of Lumberjack's size, 1) Segregation of Duties that could affect internal control and 2) Using an outside auditor instead of having a staff accountant. The council is aware of these deficiencies and has put in place policies/practices to minimize the risk. Motion by Bialecki/Sommer to accept the risks and approve the 2018 audited financial statements. Motion Carried.

**Director's Report** – Members received a handout from Beckman showing progress on 2019 Plan of Work items.

**2020 Project Presentations** - The following speakers presented on behalf of their 2020 submitted grant proposal:

2020-001	Vilas County Forestry Information Centers	Al Murray
2020-002	Phelps Lakefront Pines Park Kayak Launch	David Selby
2020-003	Northern Saddle Club Fresh Water Project	Heidi Dumke & Mary Brunette
2020-004	WHIP	Rosie Page
2020-005	Fab Lab Vision 2020	Ron Yadro
2020-006	TIP	Alix Bjorklund
2020-007	Northwoods Gateway Butterfly Garden	Karen Stimac & Christine Macklem
2020-008	KinderWild at Trees for Tomorrow	Robin Ginner

**Closed Session:** Council Members/alternates/designees in attendance and eligible to vote entered closed session. There are currently 15 voting members and 13 were present. It was instructed that projects must receive a majority (7) votes to be considered for funding. Hermes handed out one ballot to each voting member and after discussion, members voted. Hermes collected 13 ballots and he and Plant tallied the votes which were verified by Beckman. Voting was as follows:  
 2020-001 – 4 Votes  
 2020-002 – 11 Votes  
 2020-003 – 8 Votes  
 2020-004 – 10 Votes  
 2020-005 – 4 Votes  
 2020-006 – 12 Votes  
 2020-007 – 12 Votes  
 2020-008 – 7 Votes

**Return from Closed Session** – The Council returned from closed session at 12:55pm. Gilles/Bialecki moved to fund the projects that received a majority vote and use money from the excess project account (\$8,618) to fund them. 11 Yeas and 2 Nays. Motion Carried. A roll call appears below:

COUNTY/AFFILIATION	VOTING MEMBER	VOTE
Florence	<b>Yvonne Van Pembrook</b>	YEA
Forest	<b>Larry Sommers</b>	YEA
Langlade	<b>Carol Feller-Gottard</b>	YEA
Lincoln	<b>Bill Bialecki</b>	YEA
Menominee	<b>Heather P</b>	YEA
Oconto	<b>Doug Allen</b>	YEA
Oneida	<b>Alan VanRaalte</b>	YEA
Shawano	<b>Arlyn Tober</b>	YEA
Vilas	<b>Absent</b>	ABSENT
Past-President	<b>Wayne Plant</b>	NO
At-Large	<b>Claudia Baker</b>	ABSENT
	<b>Dick Gilles</b>	YEA
	<b>Bob Hermes</b>	YEA
	<b>Ted Ritter</b>	NO
	<b>Margie Yadro</b>	YEA

Beckman will make the funding announcement early next week. The Approved 2020 project fund is \$45,636.92. Added to that will be \$8,618 taken from the Excess Project fund account to fulfill the carried motion above to fund all projects that received a majority vote. The total to fund projects in 2020 is \$54,254.00 leaving the Excess Project Fund at \$48,048.39.

Finally, the Council directed the Grant Committee (at their meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>) to come up with a funding recommendation for TIP & WHIP and present it to the Council for review at the January meeting.

**ADJOURN:** Bialecki/Gilles moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:56pm followed by lunch for Council members and guests.

Submitted 10/31/2019 by Yvonne VanPembrook, Secretary

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