

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017 – Quinn’s Banquet Hall, Deerbrook, WI – Langlade County

COUNTY	BOARD MEMBERS/ALTERNATES	OTHERS PRESENT
Florence	Yvonne Van Pembrook – LCC	Scott Goodwin
Forest	Larry Sommer – LCC	Pam LaBine, Josh Jameson
Langlade	Dave Solin – LCC Carol Feller Gottard - LCC	Marie Graupner, Duane Haakenson, Molly McCay, Joe Novak, Jim Jansen, Ron Nye
Lincoln	Bill Bilecki	
Menominee	Not Represented	
Oconto	Darrel Pagel Mary Lemmen Bill Grady	Ken Dolata – LCD Doug Allen
Oneida	Bob Mott – LCC	Paul Mueller, Tracy Beckman – Lumberjack Staff Michele Sadauskus – LCD, Chris Arrowood – TIP
Shawano	Marvin Klosterman - LCC	Brian Hanson – LCD
Vilas	Dennis Nielsen	Cathy Higley
At-Large	Ted Ritter – Vilas Co Dick Gilles - Oconto Bob Hermes – Menominee Co Roger Luce – Oneida County Claudia Baker – Oneida Margie Yadro - Florence	Guests: Baebel Ehrig

Prior to the Council Meeting, committee meetings took place from 9-10:00am and their reports appear as part of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Hermes at 10:05am. Facing the Flag of the United States, 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: Chris Arrowood has a new son. Marie Graupner was recognized for her service as she retires. The cost of registration has increased from \$20 to \$25 and members will be invoiced if they say they’re coming but do not show up. The Sustainable Forestry Conference will be held on 4/20/17 and Executive Committee approved up to four council members to attend.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Council observed a moment of silence in honor of Wilbur Petrosky, a former Lumberjack Council Member. Mr. Petrosky passed away in January.

AGENDA: With there being no amendments/additions/corrections to the agenda, Sommer/Mott moved to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Members reviewed the minutes since the last meeting. Motion by Gilles/Nielsen to approve the minutes from the 10/27/16 Council meeting and the 1/12/2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion Carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Claudia Baker gave the report. The 12/31/2016 checking account balance is \$164,464.01 as shown on the balance sheet. Total assets as of 12/31/2016 are \$817,867.85. Baker announced that Marge Cook Accounting will be doing the audit this year saving Lumberjack more than \$5K. Baker next explained we need approval for the proposed budget distributed in the packet. Budget changes include 5400 Conferences from \$2K to \$1K. With that change, motion by Mott/Van Pembrook to accept the budget. Motion Carried unanimously. Motion by Gilles/Bialecki to approve financials as presented pending audit. Motion carried unanimously.

BY LAWS AMENDMENT: The change was sent to members prior to the meeting and posted on the website. Motion by Van Pembrook/Mott to approve the changes. Motion approved unanimously.

GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT – Members received the proposed grant policy prior to the meeting and it was posted on the Lumberjack website. Change: Due date for projects from two weeks prior to the October meeting to concrete date of October 15th each year. There was much discussion about the definition of in-kind vs. cash donations. Motion by Ritter/Van Pembrook to table approval of the new policy until the Grant Committee can meet and define these terms. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The committees gave second reviews to 10 project proposals during their meetings from 9am to 10am. Hermes explained that each committee will give their report and recommendations but that any voting on committee recommendations will be done only after all committees have had a chance to report/recommend.

The Agriculture/Energy Committee report was given by Darrel Pagel. The Ag/Energy Committee reviewed one project proposal in committee. Spectrophotometer – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and recommend it be funded. They explained the project representative said they would accept a smaller amount up to half of their request. They said any less than that would not be worth it. On the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 3.

The Finance Committee report was given by Claudia Baker. The Finance Committee gave a second review to two project proposals in committee. Little Pickeral Lake Aeration Project - The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and on the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 4. Wabeno Park Improvement Project – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and on the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 4.

The Forestry Committee report was given by Bob Mott. The Forestry Committee gave a second review to two project proposals in committee. This committee also gave the President a spreadsheet with their recommendations for the entire \$34K for 2017. TIP – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and recommend TIP receive the full amount they requested - \$4K. WHIP - The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and recommend WHIP receive \$6K.

The Recreation, Tourism, Rural Develop Committee report was given by Yvonne VanPembrook. The committee gave a second review to three project proposals in committee. Bog Brook Dam – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and on the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 4. Bats Project – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and on the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 3. Silver Lake – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and on the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 4 and their recommendation is only to fund the project's own 1st priority for \$5,500.

The Personnel/Special Events Committee report was given by Marie Graupner. The committee reported that FIA/CFI supervisor will be hiring one full-time and one part-time employee. The committee gave a second review to two project proposals in committee. Vilas ROW – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and on the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 4. The committee notes this is only Phase 1 – they declined funding for multiple phases/years. Pollinator Project Continuation – The committee gave the proposal its 2nd review and on the scale of 1-4 for aligning with the Lumberjack Mission, it received a 4.

After much discussion it was noted that every project that received a 2nd Review was recommended for funding and none were denied and Lumberjack cannot fund all the projects. Since all projects aligned with the Lumberjack Mission Statement, Hermes passed out a ballot to each voting council member. The ballot listed each project name along with basic information. Members were asked to anonymously choose their top three projects. They agreed this process will show the projects the entire Council believes are the best and will help the Executive Committee decide funding amounts. The sheets were collected and a motion was made by Luce/Ritter to allow the Executive Committee to meet following lunch in order to make the final decisions for 2017 funding. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes of that meeting will be attached to these minutes.

UPDATES: Updates from TIP/WHIP/AIS/FIA&WiCFI were available at the meeting.

FOREST INVENTORY PROJECT – FIA Supervisor, Paul Mueller gave a presentation about the inventory projects that help to sustain Lumberjack.

Oconto County proposed to hold the October meeting on Wednesday the 25th. The Council agreed. Beckman will update the calendar and let everyone know the change.

PRESENTATION SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY AWARDS – Bob Mott presented Lumberjack's 2017 Sustainable Forestry Awards. Chairman's Special Achievement Award – Dennis Schoeneck; Friend of Forestry (1) – Jane Severt; **Friend of Forestry (2)** – Langlade County Forestry Department; Forest Steward of the Year - Terry Seidl. In his absence, Marvin Klosterman from Shawano County accepted Terry Seidl's award. The other recipients were in attendance and received their awards.

ADJOURN: Motion by Mott/Ritter to adjourn at 12:05pm. Motion Carried.

Submitted 1/31/17 by Yvonne VanPembrook, Secretary



Lumberjack RC&D Council, Inc.
Minutes of the Executive Committee
1/26/2017 Quinn's Bar – Deerbrook WI – Langlade County

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by Hermes. The Committee was given the authority by a YES vote of all those present at the 1/26/17 Council Meeting to make final funding decisions for 2017. The members tallied the anonymous ballots and the results are below:

NAME	AMOUNT REQUESTED	VOTES RECEIVED	AMOUNT AWARDED
2017-001 Little Pickeral Lake	\$9,220	6	\$9,220
2017-002 Bog Brook Dam received	\$10,000	8	\$10,000
2017-003 Wabeno Park	\$8,700	2	\$0
2017-004 Silver Lake	\$10,000	4	\$0
2017-005 Spectrophotometer	\$4,851.35	5	\$851.35
2017-006 Legend Lake denied funding after 1 st Review			\$0
2017-007 TIP	\$4,000	7	\$4,000
2017-008 Vilas Co ROW	\$3,690	1	\$0
2017-009 Pollinator	\$5,000	4	\$0
2017-010 WHIP	\$6,896	6	\$6,896
2017-011 Bat	\$5000	0	\$0

Based on the ballots, the Executive Committee agreed unanimously to fund the top four projects fully (2017-002, 2017-007, 2017-001, 2017-010) for a total of \$30,116. Since there was not enough left to fully fund the next project (2017-005) the committee unanimously agreed to offer the price of the supplies as listed in the project proposal at \$851.35 because one of the committee members has an unused Spectrophotometer he is willing to loan. The cost of the Spectrophotometer listed in the project proposal was \$4,000. There were not enough funds left to fully fund any other projects so the total awarded for 2017 is \$30,967.35. The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to place the balance of \$3,032.65 in the project funding pool for 2018. With their decision being final, the committee adjourned at 1:35pm.

Submitted on 1/31/2017 by



Yvonne VanPembrook, Secretary