

## Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2017 – Eagle’s Club, Merrill, WI – Lincoln County

COUNTY	BOARD MEMBERS/ALTERNATES	OTHERS PRESENT
Florence	Yvonne Van Pembrook – LCC	
Forest	Larry Sommer – LCC	
Langlade	Dave Solin – LCC	Molly McKay
Lincoln	Bill Bialecki, Wayne Plant	Mike Huth
Menominee	Not Represented	
Oconto	Darrel Pagel Mary Lemmen Bill Grady	Ken Dolata – LCD
Oneida	Not Represented	Paul Mueller, Tracy Beckman – Lumberjack Staff Michele Sadauskus – LCD
Shawano	Arlyn Tober - LCC	Scott Frank – LCD
Vilas	Not Represented	
At-Large	Ted Ritter – Vilas Co Dick Gilles - Oconto Bob Hermes – Menominee Co Roger Luce – Oneida County Claudia Baker – Oneida	<b>Guests:</b> Jane Sievert, WI CFA Bob Walker, Public Relations Professional

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. A moment of silence was observed for military past and present.

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

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

**PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chris Arrowood has been hired by Langlade County so TIP will be interviewing for the coordinator position on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Sustainable Forestry Conference was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and members who attended gave a brief summary of the presentations. It was noted Lumberjack is a major sponsor of this event and it was the best event to date according to those in attendance. It was also noted that Rosie Page, WHIP Coordinator, did a great job with her presentation.

**MINUTES:** Members reviewed the minutes since the last meeting. Motion by Solin/Grady to approve the minutes from the 1/26/17 Council meeting and the 4/11/2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion Carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Claudia Baker gave the report. The 3/31/2017 checking account balance is \$147,175.90 as shown on the balance sheet. Total assets as of 3/31/2017 are \$779,050.03 making a profit this past quarter of \$54,539.35. Motion by Van Pembrook/Tober to accept the budget. Motion Carried unanimously. Motion by Luce/Van Pembrook to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented pending audit. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION, BYLAWS AMENDMENT/GRANT POLICY VOTE:** Members received the proposed grant policy (with changes requested from the January meeting) prior to the meeting and it was posted on the Lumberjack website. Motion by Van Pembrook/Gilles to approve by laws change and grant policy. Discussion: Change the due date to October 1<sup>st</sup>, make sure to add ‘the same day’ to policy item #2 *Executive Committee*. Motion Carried Unanimously. Members of the Grant Committee were acknowledged for their hard work through this 1.5-year process.

**CELL PHONE POLICY/VOTE:** Members received the proposed cell phone policy prior to the meeting and it was posted on the Lumberjack website. Motion by Tober/Bialecki to approve the policy with the change clarifying that the Supervisor and/or Executive Committee have the discretion to carry out consequences of not following the policy. As this policy is for employees only, the group inquired about how the Directors and Officers are covered in such instances. Beckman is directed to come back and give a report on D&O Liability insurance at the July meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The committees met for one hour prior to the meeting. Their reports are as follows:

**The Personnel/Special Events Committee** - Plant gave the report for the committee. Mueller explained a new employee has been hired to replace Terry Schrieber who is retiring in August. Plant explained that the AIS Position wasn't funded so John Preuss is no longer a Lumberjack employee. Regarding the AIS program, people are still encouraged to call and Lumberjack will connect them as best as they can during the transition time.

**The Agriculture/Energy Committee** - Pagel explained there was nothing to report.

**The Finance Committee** – Baker explained there was nothing to report other than the Treasurer's report which was already given.

**The Forestry Committee** – Solin reported that the Forestry Committee wants to increase the amount of people nominated for the Forestry Awards. Ideas are to work more closely with the DNR, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (contact Nancy Bozek), WI Co Forest Association (contact Jane Sievert), and to task each county forestry committee with submitting a nomination.

**The Recreation, Tourism, Rural Develop Committee** – Van Pembroke explained there was nothing to report. Luce reported that forestry is a topic for a collaboration between area economic development corporations and he will update the Council as work progresses.

**UPDATES:** WHIP is working under three grants and some partnerships to do projects with other CISMAS, TIP is in the process of hiring a coordinator, AIS was discussed earlier and an FIA & WiCFI update was available at the meeting.

**WISCONSIN STATE ASSOC RC&D:** Bob Walker gave the Council a presentation explaining how the State Association of RC&Ds members are working together on a branding initiative.

**PRESENTATION – WI County Forest Association:** Jane Sievert, Executive Director for WI County Forest Association gave the group a presentation explaining the important work of the WI CFA.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Submitted 4/27/2017 by Yvonne VanPembroke, Secretary

  
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