

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2015
Eagle's Club, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Prior to the Full Council Meeting, committee meetings took place from 9am to 10am. Their reports appear as part of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by President Plant at 10:00am. 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.

COUNTY	BOARD MEMBERS/ALTERNATES	OTHERS PRESENT
Florence	Yvonne Van Pembroke – LCC	
Forest	Paul Millan	
Langlade	Dave Solin – LCC	
Lincoln	Wayne Plant – LCC	Dianne Wessel – LCD Loretta Baughan Curt Powell
Menominee	Bob Hermes	
Oconto	Dick Gilles – LCC Darrel Pagel – LCC	Bill Grady – LCC Mary Lemmen – LCC Ken Dolata - LCD
Oneida	Tom Rudolph – LCC	Paul Mueller – Lumberjack Tracy Beckman – Lumberjack Rosie Page – WHIP John Preuss – Lumberjack Chris Arrowood - TIP
Shawano	Arlyn Tober – LCC	Scott Frank – LCD Randy Young - LCD
Vilas		Carolyn Scholl
At-Large	Mary Platner – Vilas Co Eugene Kamps – Langlade Co	Guests Joel Knutson – Anabat Tim Ewing – Navarino Nature Center Bob LeFebvre – SDR Rick Smith & Rodney Ingman – Veteran's Ceremony

REVIEW AGENDA - No agenda changes.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Solin, 2nd by Hermes to approve the minutes of the 10/17/14 Council Meeting and the minutes of the 11/5/14 & 1/12/15 Executive Committee meetings. Motion Approved.

VOTE – PESTICIDE POLICY

President Plant explained the six-month long process that led to the proposed policy that was presented to members. He stated that the Executive Committee has already reviewed and approved the policy and is looking for approval from the full Council. Motion by Hermes/Gillis to approve the policy. Roll Call Vote Taken: The 11 Board Members present and listed in these minutes voted in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained and 3 were members absent. Scott Frank offered thanks to all those that helped to produce the policy.

VOTE – GRANT POLICY UPDATES

Members reviewed the proposed policy updates and discussion ensued. Suggestions were to appoint a Grant Committee, have specialists on the grant committee such as AIS & TIS coordinators, Foresters, Conservationists, etc., certain dollar amount for groups returning year after year, special consideration for 1st time applicants over prior recipients. President Plant said all these suggestions will be considered as we continue to improve the grant process. Rudolph moved to accept the policy however to add a place for applicants to list their other funding sources on the *Project Proposal Checklist*. Tober 2nd the motion stating that the policy is a 'work in progress'. Discussion began regarding a project proposal that was reviewed and rejected by the Executive Committee at their

1/12/15 meeting. The proposal was still on the agenda to be reviewed by the Personnel Committee at their meeting, however since there wasn't anyone at the table to answer questions about the proposal and since it had already been rejected by the Executive Committee, it was not given a review. Platner protested stating it is not fair that a proposal doesn't even get a committee review. Plant asked for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the policy. Lincoln – Aye Langlade – Aye Florence – Aye Forest – Aye Menominee – Aye Oconto – Aye Oneida – Aye Shawano – Aye Vilas – Nay. At this point, Mary Platner from Vilas County again protested that a proposal didn't receive a review in committee. Platner stated that she was, 'renouncing her membership' and she left the meeting. Following this Plant noted that the 'ayes' have it and the updates to the grant policy have been approved. Scott Frank and Carolyn Scholl also voiced concern about the proposal that did not receive a committee review.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rudolph presented Lumberjack's Balance Sheet, Lumberjack's Profit & Loss Report and a Report of active projects. Rudolph also mentioned he will be checking in to CD rates. It was mentioned that more footnotes should accompany the report so that differences in numbers from the prior year are better explained. Motion by Gilles/Van Pembroke to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AG/ENERGY COMMITTEE – Kamps Reported...

- Lake Emily Project Proposal was given 2nd approval in committee. Motion by Gillis/Pagel to approve a Lumberjack Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion Carried.
- TIP was given 1st approval in committee. Motion by Hermes/Tober to approve. Motion Carried.
- Florence HS Water Bottle Filling Station was given its 1st Approval in Committee. Motion by VanPembroke/Grady to approve. Motion Carried. Discussion resumed regarding why this project was given priority over the project that wasn't reviewed in committee. Plant called for the next committee report.

FINANCE/CONTRACTING COMMITTEE – Rudolph had nothing to report.

FORESTRY COMMITTEE – Solin Reported...

- Enhancing Natural Resources for All – Bob LeFebvre explained that the final phase of the trail system will be underway with an approved Lumberjack Grant. Lumberjack's grant was instrumental in completing the first phase. Signage is on site recognizing our contribution to make the trail system at CAVOC accessible for all. This proposal received 1st approval in committee. Motion by Millan/Grady to approve. Motion Carried
- Anabat Monitoring System – Joel Knutson explained that he has a DNR grant for the project however the monitor is unusable and they are asking for a new one to continue the project. Knutson stated that an approved grant by Lumberjack means that Lumberjack would own the Anabat Monitor and would take possession when the grant period expires. The unit could then be used for future projects or lent to other groups to use. This proposal received 1st approval in committee. Motion by Solin/VanPembroke to approve. Motion Carried.
- Langlade County Invasives Monitor/Rapid Response/Control Grant was given its 2nd approval in committee. Motion by Solin/Pagel to approve a Lumberjack Grant in the amount of \$8070.00. Motion Carried.

RECREATION-TOURISM/RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – VanPembroke reported...

- Navarino Nature Center update was given by Tim Ewing. This project received 2nd approval in committee. Motion by VanPembroke/Hermes to approve a Lumberjack Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion Carried.
- Wabeno Barrier-Free Boardwalk received 1st approval in committee. Motion by VanPembroke/Millan to approve. Motion Carried.
- The Legend Lake Hydraulic Harvester project was discussed and it was noted that the lake group has applied for a DNR grant to fund the project. If the DNR grant is approved, they would not need the Lumberjack Grant. Hermes assured the group that he will monitor the progress of this grant and report back to Lumberjack. Following this discussion the project received 2nd approval in committee. Motion by Tober/Hermes to approve a Lumberjack Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be requested if the DNR denies funding. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Plant Reported...

- Bear Lake Crayfish Traps received 1st approval in committee. Motion by VanPembroke/Hermes to approve. Motion Carried.
- Mobile State Unit – Union Grove Veterans' Ceremony received 1st approval in committee. Motion by Rudolph/Millan to approve. Motion Carried.
- Eagle River Library Roof Runoff Control System – As described above, this proposal was not reviewed in committee. It was noted that it was Platner's proposal and since she left, Scholl would speak as best as she could on behalf of the project. Scholl felt that the description 'roof' led to a misconception about the project and didn't feel, as a result, that the project

was given full consideration. It was reiterated by VanPembrook and Plant that with more funds requested than available, there would be a project that couldn't be funded. It was suggested that in the interest of fairness, if monies become available, that the Eagle River Library project should receive consideration. The Council was cautioned by Hermes that funding a project simply because someone left the room upset could set a poor precedent. More discussion took place and it was noted that two previously approved projects may not use the full amount for which they'd been approved, 'freeing up' \$4K (the Veteran's Ceremony is only asking for \$6K, not \$8K and the Legend Lake Hydraulic Harvester may receive a DNR grant to fund the project.) Motion by Rudolph/Hermes to allow the Executive Committee to conduct a 1st Review and approve up to \$4K for the Eagle River Library Project only if the DNR Grant comes through for the Legend Lake project. Motion Carried. Hermes stated he will follow-up and give updates regarding the status of the DNR grant.

- As a follow-up for members that expressed an interest in knowing more about what is happening with Lumberjack's fiscally sponsored organizations (TIP, WHIP, FIA/CFI, AIS) all groups will present a quarterly update that will be available at Council Meetings. It was noted that this quarter's updates are available today.
- Motion by Plant/Rudolph to accept the nomination of Bob Hermes as an At-Large Member. Motion Carried.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

- Rudolph suggested that the next meeting include discussion on increasing the number of At-Large Members.
- Solin suggested that all pending project proposals be posted on the Lumberjack Website so that members can review them at their convenience.

NEXT MEETING - The remaining 2015 meetings will be Thursday, April 30th in Menominee County, Thursday, July 30th in Oconto County and Thursday, October 29th in Oneida County. Staff was directed to send an updated 2015 Calendar.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn at 12:18pm by Rudolph/Solin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Van Pembrook, Council Secretary