

MFRP Board of Directors' Meeting
14 September 2017
Bemidji, Minnesota

Present: Bob Milne, Acting Chair (*DNR*), Brian Bignall (*Potlatch*), Kory Cease (*Itasca County*), Alan Ek (*U of M*), Craig Halla (*Molpus Management Group*), Nathan Heibel (*Koochiching County* Dick Moore (*Beltrami County*), Craig Schmid (*DNR*), Mike Kilgore (*U of M*), Jim Lemmerman (*private landowner*), Amy Rand (*Cass County*), Dave Roerick (*private landowner*), Ryan Simonson (*Crow Wing County*), Dennis Thompson (*private landowner/Soil and Water Conservation District*), Mark Weber (*Lake County*),

Staff: Kathleen Preece

Guests: Heather Baird (*DNR-Fisheries*), Rick Dahlman, retired (*DNR*), John Fylpas, retired (*DNR State Parks*), Keith Karnes (*Leech Lake Forestry*), Dale Krystosek (*Board of Water and Soil Resources*), Neal Powers (*Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge*), Dick Rossman (*DNR*), Rob Slesak, (*Minnesota Forest Resources Council*), Dan Steward (*Board of Water and Soil Resources*)

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Bob Milne at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

The Antitrust Statement was read by Kathleen Preece. Acting Chair Bob Milne welcomed the board and guests to the Greater Bemidji Board Room. He and Kathleen Preece gave a review of the day's meeting and field trip.

Minutes from the June 2017 Board of Directors' meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Craig Halla, second by Dennis Thompson to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Acting Treasurer Dennis Thompson gave the Financial Report. He noted that the MFRP checking account balance stood at \$28,459.89, of which \$1,521.52 rested in the Ash Diversification Account. He reminded the board that the executive committee had committed \$2,500 of the ADC dollars to the emerald ash borer conference that was held in July. He updated the balance in the account 'to the minute,' which included approval by the MFRP Executive Committee of expenditures of \$854.84 for the September 14 meeting, leaving a balance of \$26,083.53.

Dennis Thompson said that assessments were up-to-date, except for Becker County; he reminded the board that the Forest Service would be billed for its second half 2017 assessment in October. He said the board expected an approximate \$18,000 carryover into 2019.

Board member Mike Kilgore questioned the carryover budget, asking how much was traditionally carried over. The executive committee explained its reluctance to carry a substantial amount over each year and that it had discussed the appropriateness of an approximate \$10,000-15,000 carryover in the past.

Bob Milne then suggested changes in the agenda, noting that Presenter Adam Murkowski could be better accommodated by a late morning presentation. Dale Krystosek agreed to begin the morning's presentations.

PRESENTATIONS

Northeast Minnesota White Cedar Plant Community Restoration: *Dale Krystosek, Performance Review & Assistance Program Coordinator - Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources:*

Minnesota's Statewide Deer Management Plan: *Adam Murkowski, Minnesota DNR Big Game Program Leader*

Keeping Forested Lands Forested, or Drilling down into the watershed: PFM by PTM: *Dan Steward, Board of Water and Soil Resources*

Forestry's Most Important Product: Summaries and highlights of afternoon field sessions/field assignments: Kathleen Preece shared with the board that it would be loading on a bus and traveling to a field site for a 'shore lunch.' Following the lunch, members would be boarding one of three pontoon boats and traveling lakes Little and Big Marquette, Carr, Irving, and Bemidji via the Schoolcraft and Mississippi Rivers.

She noted that each boat would have a speaker discussing the relationships between forests and waters.

A motion was made at 11:50 a.m. by Craig Halla, second by Craig Schmid to adjourn for lunch and the field trip. The motion passed unanimously.