

MFRP Board of Directors' Meeting
15 March 2018
Northland Arboretum, Brainerd/Baxter, Minnesota

Present: Officers: Bob Milne, Chair (*DNR*), Kirk Titus, Vice Chair (*Cass County*), Matt Radzak, Treasurer (*Minnesota Power*)

Staff: Kathleen Preece

Board members: Greg Bernu (*Carlton County*), Kory Cease (*Itasca County*), Alan Ek (*Univ. of Minnesota*), Craig Halla (*Molpus Timberlands*), Mark Jacobs (*Aitkin County*), Ari Jewell (*USFS*), Mark Lohmeier (*Hubbard County*), Dan McLaughlen (*Becker County*), Dick Moore (*Beltrami County*), Craig Schmid (*DNR*), Ryan Simonson (*Crow Wing County*), Ryan Simonson (*Crow Wing County*), Dennis Thompson (*private landowner/Soil and Water Conservation District*), Mark Weber (*St. Louis County*),

Staff: Kathleen Preece

Guests: Kristen Bergstrand (*Minnesota DNR*), Rick Dahlman (*Minnesota Lyme Association*), Jon Drimel (*DNR*), Tamara Lowney (*APEX*), Jim Manolis (*The Nature Conservancy*), Mike Parisio (*Minnesota DNR*), Rachel Peterson (*Minnesota Logger Education Program*), Neil Powers (*US Fish and Wildlife*), Dick Rossman (*Minnesota DNR*), Ryan Salisbury (*Pillager High School*), DeAnn Stish (*Minnesota Forest Resources Council*)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Milne at 10:00 a.m. The Antitrust Statement was read by Kathleen Preece; introductions were made around the table.

The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Craig Halla; second by Dick Moore, with the addition of "Nominations for treasurer." The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Preece explained that the MFRP Bylaws require the nomination and election of a secretary as officer to the MFRP Board of Directors. Craig Halla moved to nominate Dennis Thompson as secretary, second by Dick Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Matt Radzak as follows:

March 15 2018 Financial Report

- Feb beginning balance was \$55,889.35
- Feb 2018 deposits were: \$5,563.44
(*Assessments from MP, Beltrami County, and Itasca County*)
- Feb 2018 expenses were: (*Total of \$4,559.43*)
 - \$180.00 to Paul Bunyan Communications
 - \$12.43 to Fryberger for Postage services
 - \$200.00 to Kathleen for salary adjustment
 - \$4167.00 to Kathleen for salary
- Feb 2018 end of month Account Balance is \$56,893.36 (with line item amount of \$1,521.52 for the Ash Diversification account) ...ledger matches the bank statement
- March deposits to date are: \$3,500.00 (Boise/PCA assessment)
- Outstanding 2018 assessment: \$3,557.03 (St Louis County)

The board noted the concise and 'easily read' format of the report and extended its appreciation to Matt Radzak.

Chair Bob Milne reviewed results of the engagement survey recently undertaken by the board and noted that the executive committee will summarize action steps and report back to the board. He pointed out that forest inventory

had risen to the top of the survey, as had the relationship of the MFRP to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. He said the board can expect to hear more about these topics.

PRESENTATIONS

Sustainable Timber Harvest Analysis - *The Report. The Response:* *Craig Schmid, Deputy Forestry Director—Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*

Biennial Guideline Monitoring Report – *Results Summary:* *Dick Rossman - Forestry Guideline Monitoring Program Coordinator - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*

State of the Forest Health *including overview of 2017 aerial survey results showcasing biggest forest disturbers of concern:* *Michael Parisio -NW Region Forest Health Specialist – Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*

Ticks and Lyme Disease: *An update for those in the woods...* *Rick Dahlman Dahlman - Consulting LLC/Minnesota Lyme Association*

Mass Timber: Overview, Issues & Opportunities: *Tamara Lowney - Senior Business Developer-APEX*

Northern Minnesota Forest Recover Project: *Jim Manolis – The Nature Conservancy*

Kathleen Preece noted that the next meeting of the MFRP Board of Directors will be June 21 in Duluth.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on a motion by Craig Schmid; second by Mark Weber. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted 22 March 2018 by Kathleen Preece