

**MFRP Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**20 June 2019**  
**Minnesota Power, Duluth, Minnesota**

**Present:** Officers: Kirk Titus, Chair (*Cass County*), Craig Halla, Vice Chair (*Molpus Woodlands Group*), Quintin Legler (*UPM Blandin*), Bob Milne (*DNR*), Mat Radzak, Treasurer (*MP*), Dennis Thompson (*MFA/Private Landowner*), Craig Schmid (*DNR*),

**Staff:** Kathleen Preece

**Board members:** Mike Kilgore (*Univ. of Minnesota*), Nate Eide (*Lake County*), Alan Ek (*Univ. of Minnesota*), Mike Gibbons (*Itasca County*), Lisa Kerr (*Cook County*), Mike Kilgore (*Univ. of Minnesota*), Jason Meyer (*St. Louis County*), Jim McFarland (*USFS*) Dick Moore (*Beltrami County*), Dave Roerick (*Private Landowner*)

**Guests:** Brian Bignall (*PotlatchDeltic*), Teppo Hujala (*Professor/Scientist from Finland*), Shannon Lotthammer (*Minnesota DNR*), Ashley McFarland (*Dovetail Partners*), Rachel Peterson (*MLEP*), Jerry Richards (*Norbord*), Eli Sagar (*Univ. of Minnesota – Cloquet Forestry Center*), Matt Sermoen (*APEX*)

Chair Kirk Titus called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Kathleen Preece read the Antitrust Statement. Introductions were made around the table. Kathleen Preece then reviewed the contents of the board of directors' packets.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

The minutes of the March 2019 Board of Directors' meeting were reviewed and then approved on a motion by Bob Milne; second by Dennis Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**June 14 2019 Financial Report**

**May activity:**

Starting May balance was: \$51,480.13

**Deposits:** None

**Expenses:**

- \$4,267.00 to Director (salary)
- \$288.59 Executive Director expenses
- \$1,100.00 to More Talent than Cents (Brewery Poster)
- \$539.16 ProPrint (printing)

**Ending May-Starting June balance** is \$45,285.38 (ledger matches the bank statement)

**2019 Assessments:**

- All Paid...\$55,455.61

### **Miscellaneous monthly activity:**

- Voided and mailed check from the Department of Defense back to the US Treasury Department
- Compiled and emailed information for 2018 tax preparation to Accountant Kirk Gilbertson for tax filing.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**- The Use of Remote Sensing in Forestry** *Jennifer Corcoran, PhD*

*Remote Sensing Program Consultant / Division of Forestry, Resource Assessment*

**Economic Feasibility of Mass Timber Manufacturing in Minnesota** – *Tamara Lowney, President - Itasca Economic Development Corporation*

**Welcome was made to Assistant DNR Commissioner Shannon Lotthammer** – *MFRP Chair Kirk Titus & Executive Director Kathleen Preece with Mike Kilgore* - Professor and Head, Department of Forest Resources College of Food Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences - University of Minnesota

**Teppo Hujala**, visiting scientist at UMN and USDA/professor of forest bioeconomy foresight at the University of Eastern Finland, School of Forest Sciences, Joensuu, Finland, provided a review of Finnish forestry and issues facing the forestry community, particularly its private forest landowners.

**Innovative Silviculture Online and in the Field:** A brief review of recent case studies published on the Great Lakes Silviculture Library. *Eli Sagor, UMN - Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative* and subsequently a **Field Session** with *Kyle Gill, CFC Forest Manager* featuring some innovative silviculture and forest management practices at the Cloquet Forestry.

*Respectfully submitted 26 June 2019 by Kathleen Preece*