

MFRP Board of Directors' Meeting
Virtual (Teams)
16 December 2021

Present:

Officers/Executive Committee: James McFarland, Chair (*USFS*), Craig Halla, Past Chair Craig Halla (*Molpus Woodlands Group*), Kory Cease (*Itasca County*), Quintin Legler (*UPM Blandin*), Bob Milne (*DNR*), Matt Radzak, Treasurer (*MP*), Kirk Titus, Secretary (*Crow Wing County*). **Members:** Greg Bernu (*Carlton County*), Brian Bignall (*PotlatchDeltic*), Mike Birkeland (*MFI*), Nate Eide, (*Lake County*), Craig Engwall (*Minn. Deer Hunters*) Nathan Heibel (*Koochiching County*), Mike Kilgore (*Univ. of Minn.*), Chip Lohmeier (*Hubbard County*), Jason Meyer (*St. Louis County*), Ray Higgins (*TPA*), Patty Thielen (*DNR*), Joel Lemberg (*DNR*), Becky Lourey (*Private Landowner*), Julie Marinucci (*St. Louis County*), Dave Roerick (*Private Landowner*), Dennis Thompson (*Aitkin County*), Brad Kingery (*Private Landowner*)

Staff: Kathleen Preece

Guests:

Scott Hillard, (*DNR*), Tamara Lowney (*IEDC*), Matt Sherman (*IEDC*), Eric Schenck (*MFRC*), Andrew Arends (*Minnesota DNR*), Pete Aube (*MFRC chair/private landowner*), Forrest Boe (*DNR*), Cameron Lewis, Casey Dabrowski, Dave Hengel (*Greater Bemidji*), David Nolle (*MLEP*), John Godding (*Huber Engineered Woods*), Jerry Richards (*West Fraser*), Jim Manolis (*TNC*), Kent Jacobson, Doug Tillma (*DNR*), Tim O'Hara (*FRC*), Charlie Blinn (*U of M*), Kristen Bergstrand (*Minnesota DNR*), Theresa Ebbenga (*Minnesota DNR*), Ray Higgins (*Timber Producers Assn.*), Rick Horton (*Minnesota Forest Industries*), Aaron Vandelinde, (*School Trust Lands*);

Chair James McFarland called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and welcomed participants. He extended appreciation to the board and guests for their patience with meeting protocols and the necessity to set the meeting up virtually.

Kathleen Preece read the antitrust statement.

Chair McFarland extended special welcome and appreciation to newly appointed board members Becky Lourey and Bradley Kingery, both of whom represent private landowners. He also extended the board's appreciation to out-going and longtime board member Bob Milne who represents the Department of Natural Resources.

Treasurer Matt Radzak reviewed the 2022 budget. He stated an expected income of approximately \$55,455 and budgeted expenses of \$58,996. He expected a carryover of approximately \$4,650.

The budget was approved by consensus.

Chair McFarland then accepted nominations for the vice chair, treasurer, and secretary positions. Quintin Legler, Matt Radzak, and Kirk Titus, respectively were elected by consensus for the positions.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Proposed Forestry Caucus 2021 Briefing** – Presented by: *MFRC Executive Director Eric Schenck*
- **Huber Engineered Woods: An Update for the People of Itasca County and Minnesota** – Presented by: *John Goding – Huber Resources*
- **Minnesota Timber Supply** – Presented by: *Rick Horton, Executive Vice President of Minnesota Forest Industries*

- **The Path Ahead/Minnesota Logger Survey:** Presented by: *Dave Nolle, Executive Director – Minnesota Logger Education Program and Charlie Blinn, University of Minnesota*
- **‘Climate-Smart Natural and Working Lands’** - Presented by: *Henry McCann – Forest Climate Policy Consultant, Minnesota DNR*

The meeting adjourned, by consensus, at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Preece, January 19, 2022.