

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022–9:30AM–Trees For Tomorrow & Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL

	VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT in BOLD (includes first seat, alternate or proxy)	OTHERS PRESENT
Florence	Scott Goodwin via proxy – LCC	
Forest	Larry Sommer – LCC	Steve Kircher – LCD
Langlade	Carol Feller-Gottard – LCC	
Lincoln	Bill Bialecki – LCC Wayne Plant – Past President	
Menominee	Jeremy Johnson via proxy	
Oconto	Bart Schindel - LCC	
Oneida	Jim Winkler - LCC	Michele Sadauskas
Shawano	Arlyn Tober – LCC	Scott Frank - LCD
Vilas	Bob Hanson	Carolyn Scholl – LWCD Quita Sheehan – LWCD
At-Large	Dick Gilles – Oconto Co Claudia Baker – Oneida County Steve Heimerman – Oconto Co	Guests: Barbara Mendoza – FRESH Project. Staff: Tracy Beckman, Derek Thorn, Alix Bjorklund, Rosie Page
At Large EXCUSED	Hermes	

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Past President Plant at 9:30am. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS: Those present introduced themselves and a roll call appears in these minutes.

REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA: Gilles/Bialecki moved to approve the agenda with the addition of ‘Public Comment’ after the project presentation. Motion Carried (13/0)

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Beckman announced that vacancies on the Executive Committee need to be filled and elections are in April.

MINUTES: Members reviewed the minutes of the 10/27/2021 Council meeting and the 11/15/2021 and 1/13/2022 Executive Committee meetings. Bialeck/Schindell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried (13/0)

TREASURER’S REPORT: Members reviewed the Treasurer’s report/budget update for the last quarter of 2021. Beckman gave the report, stating the 12/31/2021 checking balance was \$74,526.18 as shown on the balance sheet and total assets as of 12/31/2021 were \$964,981.61, a difference of \$11,490.50 from this time last year. Members reviewed the current Project Update which shows 2021 and 2022 projects. Motion by Hanson/Goodwin to accept the 12/31/2021 Treasurer’s report/budget update as presented. Motion Carried (13/0).

REVIEW/APPROVE 2022 Budget – Members reviewed the proposed 2022 budget. Motion by Heimerman/Schindell to approve as presented. Motion Carried (13/0)

RESERVE POLICY REVIEW/VOTE: Members were given a copy of the proposed Reserve Fund Policy showing the amount for 2022 based on the policy formula is \$81,475. Motion by Gilles/Sommer to approve the policy. Motion Carried (13/0).

GRANT POLICY DISCUSSION – The council discussed items they would like to see addressed at the upcoming Grant Committee Meeting which is planned for mid-end of March. The agenda should include discussion of adopting a pre-approval process, adjusting the timeline, use of the excess project fund account, adopting a way to extend the timeline for support letters if applicants can prove they’ve applied for funds, and extending grants to more than one year. After further discussion, Heimerman/Bialecki moved to change the project deadline to 12/31 each year. Motion Carried (13/0). Following the motion, Michele Sadauskas, Rosie Page, Carolyn Scholl & Derek Thorn all expressed interest in sitting on the grant committee.

UPDATES:

FIA – Beckman gave the update for FIA

WYFP – Beckman gave the update for WYFP

FLOW – Thorn gave the update for FLOW

WHIP – Page gave the update for WHIP

TIP – Bjorklund gave the update for TIP

STATE ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Beckman gave the update for the State Association of RC&Ds.

SET 2022 October Meeting Date: Members were given a calendar of 2022 meeting dates and decided to hold the October meeting on 10/19. Beckman will edit the calendar, adding the October 19th meeting & changing the project deadline from 10/1 to 12/31, and send it out to the members.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS:

Barbara Mendoza presented for the F.R.E.S.H. project. Following her presentation, Beckman reminded the council that they can also ask their local project recipients to report about their completed projects at their land, water conservation committee meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members discussed the at large nomination policy. Beckman will send a copy of the policy and the nomination forms to each member.

LUNCH: The group enjoyed lunch provided by Hillbilly Hollow of Eagle River.

ADJOURN: Plant adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm

Submitted 01/27/2022 by Tracy Beckman for Larry Sommer, Secretary