

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
 FEBRUARY 8, 2024–9:15AM–Melody Mill, Aniwa, WI
 Shawano County Host

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL

| | VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT in BOLD (includes first seat, alternate or proxy) | OTHERS PRESENT |
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| Florence | Scott Goodwin | |
| Forest | Tom Tallier | Steve Kircher, Kayla Littleton |
| Langlade | Chris Arrowood | Katie Bahr Bender, Jordon Bahr-Bender |
| Lincoln | Tom Boisvet | |
| Marinette | Wally Hitt | Paul Klose |
| Menominee | Heather Pyatskowitz | Alex Forster |
| Oconto | Pat Scanlan | Wayne Kaczrowski Tim Cole Ken Dolata |
| Oneida | Linnaea Newman | |
| Shawano | Arlyn Tober | Scott Frank |
| Vilas | Beckie Gaskill | |
| At-Large | Steve Heimerman – Oconto Co Wayne Plant – Lincoln Larry Sommer – Forest Mary George – Vilas | Staff: Tracy Beckman, Rosie Page, Derek Thorn, Abby Vogt, Coleman Kaiser Other guests included project applicants |
| Past President | | |

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Plant at 9:23am. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA: George/Heimerman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Plant announced elections for the Executive Committee and at large nominations will take place at the April meeting. There are two open at large positions.

MINUTES: Members reviewed the minutes of the 10/25/2023 Council meeting and of the Dec & Jan Executive Committee meetings. Motion by Tober/Hitt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Beckman presented the 12/31/2023 Treasurer’s Report and 12/31/2023 budget update showing a checking account balance of \$231,834.68 and a total fund balance of \$1,216,407.03 which is a difference of \$161,404.61 more than last year at this time. Motion by Newman/George to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Carried.

Members reviewed the proposed 2024 Budget. Motion by Hitt/George to approve the budget as presented. Motion Carried.

POLICY UPDATES: Members reviewed a recommended update to the Expense Reimbursement Policy allowing for \$100 stipend to attend in-person meetings and a \$50 stipend to attend virtual meetings. The current \$50/\$25 has been the policy for more than 20 years. Motion by Scanlan/Tallier to approve the policy as presented. Motion Carried.

LSR PRESENTATION: The LSR Presentation was tabled until the April meeting.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS:

The following applicants presented their projects and then took questions from Council Members.

| 10:00 AM Time | 11:45 AM Q&A | 2 Hrs Project # | Project Presentations for 2024 FUNDING | Guest Speakers |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| 10:00 AM | 10:15 AM | 2024-001 | Forest Fest Children's Corner at Trees for Tomorrow | Cheryl Todea |
| 10:15 AM | 10:30 AM | 2024-002 | Lincoln County Garlic Mustard Treatment Project | Dean Bowe |
| 10:30 AM | 10:45 AM | 2024-003 | WAMSCO - Digital Enhancement & Engagement | Shanda Hubertus |
| 10:45 AM | 11:00 AM | 2024-004 | Town of Lena Park Project - Walking Trails | Jayme Sellen |
| 11:00 AM | 11:15 AM | 2024-005 | Re-Opening Green Lake Beach & Picnic Site | Brenda Carey-Mielke |
| 11:15 AM | 11:30 AM | 2024-006 | Fresh Project - Harvesting Rainwater | Barb Mendoza |

PROJECT RANKING AND 2024 PROJECT AWARDS Council members in attendance and eligible to vote, received a project ranking sheet. Heimerman asked that members be allowed to vote to decline a project outright prior to completing the ranking sheet. Plant explained that would be a policy change and since it's not on the agenda, he did not consider the motion. Members received instructions to complete the sheet by ranking projects from 1 to 10 based on how they align with the Lumberjack mission, one being it doesn't align at all and 10 being that it aligns fully and to leave it blank or put in zero if they feel the project should not be funded. With 14 members in attendance and eligible to vote, there was a total of 420 possible points. Members completed their sheets and turned them in to VP Sommer. Sommer & Beckman then entered the rankings into the database and Plant announced the results as follows:

| Project Number | Project Name | Totals | Ranked Order |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 2024-001 | Forest Fest at Trees for Tomorrow | 360 | 3 |
| 2024-002 | Lincoln Co Garlic Mustard Treatment | 127 | 6 |
| 2024-003 | WAMSCO | 336 | 4 |
| 2024-004 | Town of Lena | 383 | 2 |
| 2024-005 | Green Lake Park Restoration | 395 | 1 |
| 2024-006 | Fresh Project Harvesting Rainwater | 212 | 5 |

All submitted projects will be funded and Beckman will send agreements. Applicants were thanked for their submissions and there was a round of applause congratulating them.

PUBLIC COMMENT/LUNCH: Public comments were heard while everyone enjoyed lunch provided by Melody Mill.

ADJOURN: Plant adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Submitted 2/14/2024 by Tracy Beckman for Secretary Arlyn Tober