

Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
 April 25, 2024–9:30AM
 C & R Bar, Aurora, WI Host: Florence County

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL

	VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT in BOLD (includes first seat, alternate or proxy)	OTHERS PRESENT
Florence	Scott Goodwin	
Forest	Tom Tallier	Steve Kircher
Langlade	Excused	
Lincoln	Bill Bialecki	
Marinette	Wally Hitt	Tom Mandli
Menominee	Jeremy Johnson	
Oconto	Pat Scanlan	Ken Dolata
Oneida	Linnaea Newman	Michele Sadauskas
Shawano	Excused	Scott Frank
Vilas	Beckie Gaskill	
At-Large	Steve Heimerman – Oconto Co Larry Sommer – Forest Mary George – Vilas Arlyn Tober – Shawano Bob Hermes – Menominee Bob Mott – Oneida	Staff: Tracy Beckman, Rosie Page, Derek Thorn, Abby Vogt, Coleman Kaiser, Tim Dean Other guests included project presenters Dave Selby & Cheryl Todea
Past President	Wayne Plant – Lincoln	

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

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

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

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Plant announced March & April have been good to Lumberjack...

- 1) FLOW awarded \$10K Resort Pathways grant
- 2) FIA Contract set to be renewed for 5 more years
- 3) WHIP GLRI awarded for \$42K
- 4) TIP GLRI awarded for \$93K
- 5) Four more EcoFootprint grants were awarded \$350K which brings the program to six projects totaling \$500K.

MINUTES: Members reviewed the minutes of the 2/8/2024 Council meeting and of the April 8th Executive Committee meetings. Motion by Bialecki/Scanlan to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mott presented the 03/31/2024 Treasurer’s Report and 3/31/2024 budget update showing a checking account balance of \$277,770.42 and a total fund balance of \$1,082,193 which is a difference of \$92,096 more than last year at this time. Motion by Tallier/Hermes to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Carried. Members also received a project update as part of the Treasurer’s report.

COMPLETED PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: Trees for Tomorrow, Phelps Rip Rap & Shawano Co Youth Conservation Days Project coordinators presented their required follow-up project presentations showing what they’ve done with their grant funds.

POLICY UPDATES:

2025 Project Fund Transfer – Members received a handout of the Project Fund Calculation Policy for 2025 funding. The policy requires 90% of net profits and 10% of interest from the prior year to help fund the Project Account. The amount for 2025 funding based on 2023 figures is \$43,481.48. Newman/Hermes moved to approve transferring \$43,481.48 to the project fund according to the policy. Motion Carried. Beckman will work with the Treasurer to transfer the funds.

Grant Policy Change – The changes presented were rejected in favor of a process that allows for Council discussion if a member disagrees with funding a project. This would only happen in the case that there are fewer funds asked for than available. In the circumstance that there are more funds asked for than available, the current ranking process will be used. Bialecki/Tallier moved that Beckman re-write the policy and bring it to the Executive Committee at their next meeting. Once approved by them, Beckman should send it out to the full Council so they can review before voting on it again at the July meeting. Motion Carried.

RGS/USFS Supporting Resolution – Plant gave the group time to read the resolution and supporting letter. A roll call vote was taken and the members voted unanimously to support the resolution (copy attached.) Beckman will forward the signed resolution to Jon Steigerwaldt of RGS.

LSR PRESENTATION: Abby Vogt presented an update for the Landscape Scale Restoration Grant.

UPDATES: Members received written updates from WYFP, WHIP, TIP, FIA, & FLOW. Those present and with more to add gave oral updates.

AT LARGE NOMINATIONS: Members reviewed the two At-Large nomination forms that were received, according to the policy, at least a week before this scheduled council meeting. The first is for Bob Hermes, nominated by Wayne Plant. Bob would be moving from the Past President Position to an At Large position. The second is Arlyn Tober nominated by Wayne Plant. Arlyn has served on the council for many years as an appointed county supervisor. He's no longer a supervisor but still wants to remain involved with Lumberjack. Motion by Hitt/Heimerman to approve both nominations. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

President: Sommer was nominated by Hermes. Tober/Heimerman moved to close nomination and Sommer accepted the position. With Sommer being voted in as the new President, Plant automatically became the Past-President.

Vice President: Hermes was nominated by Plant/Sommer. With no other nominations, Bialecki/Plant moved to close nominations and Hermes accepted the position of Vice-President.

Secretary: Tober was nominated by Sommer as Secretary. With no other nominations, Tober/Scanlan moved to close nominations and Tober accepted the position of Secretary.

Treasurer: Mott was nominated by Hermes as Treasurer. With no other nominations, Plant/Heimerman moved to close nominations and Mott accepted the position of Treasurer. Carried.

Mott/Plant moved to authorize the newly elected President Larry Sommer the ability to sign checks, authorize purchases, sign documents and carry out financial transactions on behalf of Lumberjack Council. Motion Carried.

Scanlon/Mott moved to authorize Plant to continue in his role as signatory until such a time as Sommer can present his credentials to change the bank signature cards giving him the authority to sign checks and perform other financial transactions on behalf of Lumberjack Council. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/LUNCH: Public comments were heard while everyone enjoyed lunch provided by C&R Bar.

ADJOURN: Sommer adjourned the meeting at 1pm.

Submitted 4/25/2024 by Tracy Beckman for Secretary Arlyn Tober



LUMBERJACK RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
 SUPPORTING RESOLUTION – 4/25/2024

WHEREAS, the Lumberjack RC&D Council interested in conserving and sustaining Wisconsin forests through active and dynamic forest management; and

WHEREAS, the Lumberjack RC&D Council interested in supporting rural jobs through a healthy forest products industry; and

WHEREAS, the Lumberjack RC&D Council values partnerships with the USFS, WDNR, NRCS and many other conservation-minded organizations such as the Ruffed Grouse Society; and

WHEREAS, the Lumberjack RC&D Council values the implementation of science-based conservation work and dynamic forest management; and

WHEREAS, the USFS and its professional staff develop sustainable and healthy forest projects, such as the Fourmile Project, that work towards meeting their Forest Land and Resource Management Plan goals now and into the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lumberjack RC&D Council signifies its support of the USFS and their efforts to follow-through with their Forest Land and Resource Management Plan by supporting the coalition sign on letter (attached) to Forest Supervisor Jennifer Youngblood, that was put forth by the Ruffed Grouse Society, and dated April, 1 2024.

Resolved/Signed by Council President Wayne Plant on 04/25/2024

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Florence County	X		
Forest County	X		
Langlade County			X
Lincoln County	X		
Marinette County	X		
Menominee County	X		
Oconto County	X		
Oneida County	X		
Shawano County			X
Vilas County	X		
At Large Hermes (Past President)	X		
At Large Heimerman	X		
At Large Mott	X		
At Large Plant	X		
At Large George	X		
At Large Sommer	X		
At Large Open			