Lumberjack Executive Committee Investment Strategy Recommendation

Board Briefing - *Ryan Wempe from Financial Planning and Information Services (FPIS) was invited by Bill Bialecki to talk about his work helping other nonprofits (such as the County Forests' Association) with investments. Wempe presented his company's services and choices for strategic investing. He asked what Lumberjack's investment goals are, then answered questions. He recommends a combination of market investments as well as traditional savings such as the money market we have.*

Current Liquid Assets	Proposed Investment	Remaining Liquid	Objective
$661,423 as of 7/27/2026	$300,000	$361,423	Keep Pace with Inflation

Summary

The Executive Committee recommends investing **$300,000** with Mr. Wempe's firm using three staggered $100,000 investments in conservative diversified funds while maintaining substantial liquidity.

Previous Strategy	Recommended Strategy
• Two $100,000 annuities • 10-year investment • Earned ~$54,000	• Invest in conservative diversified funds with Mr. Wempe's firm • Historical example: The same $200,000 from the annuities, invested in a conservative fund with Mr. Wempe's firm, would have earned an average of 5.2% or $132,308 over the same 10-year period • ~2.4× greater investment potential than our previous strategy • Annual presentation from Mr. Wempe • Will help us identify future goals & strategies

Questions Council Members May Be Asking

- What are tax implecations? No tax consequences for 501c3s to earn money
- What are the fees?
  - Transaction Fees: There is no fee to add to or withdraw funds from an account
  - Advisory Fees: 0.40% - 0.60% per annum (deducted quarterly) approximately $1,500 on $300,000
  - Porfolio Fees: EFT Portfolio 0.15% to 0.30% / EFT & Mutual Funds portfolio 0.30% to 0.50%
- Will all funds be invested? No. Approximately $361,423 remains liquid.
- Is this conservative? Yes.
- Will Council receive updates? Yes, annual presentations.
- Can strategy change? Yes, future recommendations come to Council.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

If the Council supports the Executive Committee's recommendations, there should be a motion to approve the recommendation to invest the proposed $300,000 through three staggered $100,000 investments over the next three months.