

MFRP Board of Directors' Meeting
Virtual
18 March 2021

Present:

Officers/Executive Committee: James McFarland, Chair (*USFS*), Craig Halla, Past Chair (*Molpus Woodlands Group*), Kory Cease (*Itasca County*), Quintin Legler (*UPM Blandin*), James McFarland (*USFS*), Bob Milne (*DNR*), Matt Radzak, Treasurer (*MP*), Craig Schmid (*Minnesota DNR*), Kirk Titus, Secretary (*Crow Wing County*). **Members:** Greg Beck (*Pine County*), Greg Bernu (*Carlton County*), Brian Bignall (*PotlatchDeltic*), Mike Birkeland (*MFI*), Rich Courtemanche (*Aitkin County*), Nate Eide, (*Lake County*), Craig Engwall, (*Minnesota Deer Hunters Assn.*), Nathan Heibel (*Koochiching County*), Mike Kilgore (*Univ. of Minn.*) Jason Meyer (*St. Louis County*), Dick Moore (*Beltrami County*), Mark Weber, Board Member (*St. Louis County*)

Staff: Kathleen Preece

Guests:

Andrew Arends (*Minnesota DNR*), Pete Aube (*MFRC chair/private landowner*), Kristen Bergstrand (*Minnesota DNR*), Jennifer Corcoran (*Minnesota DNR*), Meredith Cornett (*TNC*), Theresa Ebbenga (*Minnesota DNR*), Janet Erdman (*Tree Farmer/private landowner*), Katie Fernholz (*Dovetail*), Ray Higgins (*Timber Producers Assn.*), Rick Horton (*Minnesota Forest Industries*), Bradley Kingery (*Private Landowner*), Jim Manolis (*The Nature Conservancy*), Ashley McFarland (*Dovetail Partners*), David Price (*The Nature Conservancy*), Suzanne Rhees (*Board of Water and Soil Resources*), Dick Rossman (*retired/DNR*), David Ruff, (*State of Michigan*), Eric Schenck (*MFRC*), Bud Stone (*Grand Rapids Forestry Affairs/Chamber of Commerce*), Doug Tillma (*Minnesota DNR*), Aaron Vandelinde, (*School Trust Lands*), David Wilson (*Minnesota DNR*)

Chair James McFarland called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Kathleen Preece read the antitrust statement.

Treasurer Matt Radzak provided a financial report, as follows:

March 2021 activity:

- Starting March balance: \$23,508.93
- Deposits to date: \$20,837.84 (assessments)
- Expenses to date are: \$4,267.00 to Director (salary)
- Current Balance is \$40,079.77 (ledger matches bank statement)
- Misc. monthly activity to date: Collecting assessments...\$45,035.26 has been paid to date; \$10,420.35 remains to be paid

Vice Chair Kory Cease provided a review and summary of the historical background of the MFRP, particularly as it related to the history of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. He noted the strong following of members of the MFRP, with nearly all of the founding/original partners still represented as was in 1995, in addition to new membership representation. He shared optimism about continued and enhanced good relationships with the Council.

PRESENTATIONS

Covid 19: Impacts on the Forest Sector” by Dr. Pepke. Presented by Kathryn Fernholz, CEO Dovetail Partners.

Bluesource - Michigan DNR Big Wild Forest Carbon Project. Presented by David L. Price - Forest Planning and Operations Section Manager, Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Forest Resources Division.

Leveraging State Trust Forest Lands: Acceleration of Improved Forest Management to increase carbon storage in the US. Presented by Katie Fernholz – CEO Dovetail Partner and Aaron Vandelinde – Director Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands.

Family Forest Carbon Program. Presented by David Ruff, Southeast Minnesota Conservation Coordinator, Jim Manolis – Forest Program Conservation Director.

UPM Blandin Forest Carbon. Presented by Quintin Legler – Forest Resources Manager UPM Blandin Paper.

Following a brief question and answer period, the meeting was adjourned by consensus, at 12 – Noon, on a motion by Ray Higgins; second by Craig Halla. The motion passed unanimously.