

Minnesota Forest Resources Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 1996  
Earle Brown Center  
University of Minnesota  
9:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Council Members Present

Paul Ellefson, Judy Hewes, Bob Dunn, Janet Green, Howard Hedstrom, Kathy McAllister, Marcie McLaughlin, Norm Moody, Alan Knaeble, Dick Knoll, Bob Oswald, Jerry Rose, Joe Wood

Staff Present

Michael Kilgore, Laurie Zitzman

Call to Order

Paul Ellefson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Motion: Jan Green moved and Jerry Rose seconded the approval of the February 15, 1996, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Motion: Marcie McLaughlin moved and Bob Oswald seconded the approval of the March 21, 1996 Council meeting agenda. Motion passed

Chair's Remarks

Paul Ellefson welcomed Mike Kilgore to the Council as its new Executive Director. As executive director, Paul asked Mike to prepare a report to the Council that addresses two fundamental issues regarding administration of the Council offices: 1) opportunities to increase the presence and visibility of the Council in greater Minnesota; and 2) ways of maintaining the Council's independence from those organizations represented on the Council. Mike was asked to prepare this report for discussion at the April Council meeting.

Paul indicated he recently met with Eldon Kaul from the Attorney General's office regarding Mike Kilgore's requested assistance to their office in understanding the Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Timber Harvesting.

Executive Director's Report

*Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership.* Mike Kilgore attended the last meeting of the Partnership on February 28, 1996, in Grand Rapids. He discussed with the Partnership three items: 1) the need to identify an individual to serve on the Council's Research Advisory Committee; 2) the Council's process for developing timber harvesting and forest management guidelines; and 3) the Council's work on a survey regarding the status of activities that address the GEIS recommendations.

*Forest Resources Research Advisory Committee.* The Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership nominated Jim Marshall to serve on the Research Advisory Committee. The Committee's first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the College of Natural Resources 2nd floor conference room.

*Riparian Proceedings.* Proceedings of the June 1995 Riparian Conference were distributed to Council members. Additional copies can be obtained through Steve Laursen, Associate Dean of the College of Natural Resources.

*Professional Support Contract.* The Council and Department of Natural Resources plan to jointly seek short-term assistance from the University of Minnesota to help both organizations fulfill their responsibilities for implementing the Sustainable Forest Resources Act.

*Presentations.* Mike Kilgore and Paul Ellefson made a presentation to the Wood Fiber Council. Mike also recently met with the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners to discuss the Council's activities.

*Minnesota Volunteer.* Mike distributed a letter printed in the Minnesota Volunteer in support of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. The letter was signed by the Governor.

*Forestry Video.* Mike explained that a video on forestry and the Timber Harvesting GEIS was recently produced. The video will be viewed at the April Council meeting.

*Administrative Assistant.* Mike stated he will begin the process to hire an administrative assistant shortly.

Appointment: Guideline Technical Teams, Team Leaders, Coordinator

The Council reviewed and discussed the draft list of names on each of the four teams.

Motion: Joe Wood moved and Dick Knoll seconded that the Council approve the technical team rosters as amended, and ask each team to recommend back to the Council any additional representation needed. Motion passed.

Motion: Janet Green moved and Judy Hewes seconded to appoint one leader/facilitator for each team, with the understanding that each team will identify a permanent leader/facilitator and alternate.

support --Ellefson, Hewes, Green, Rose, Dunn, McAllister, McLaughlin

opposition -- Moody, Hedstrom, Oswald, Wood, Knoll, Knaeble

Motion passed.

Motion: Jerry Rose moved and Janet Green seconded the appointment of Dr. Michael Phillips, DNR-Division of Forestry, as the Guideline Development Coordinator. Motion passed

Mike Phillips briefly discussed with the Council plans to begin implementing the guideline development process.

Motion: Joe Wood moved and Norm Moody seconded to defer the Landscape Based Forest Resources Planning agenda item the next meeting. Motion passed.

#### GEIS Mitigation Implementation Survey

Mike Kilgore reported on the work of the GEIS Implementation Survey Subcommittee, and discussed the revised draft survey.

Motion: Joe Wood moved and Howard Hedstrom seconded that the Council forward the revised draft survey to the Partnership for review and input. Considering the input received, the Council's subcommittee will redraft the survey and bring it before the Council for consideration. Motion passed.

#### Review of Minnesota Forest Resource Planning Requirements

Mike Kilgore reviewed with the Council its responsibility for undertaking a review of Minnesota's forest resources planning requirements. Dave Zumeta, Division of Forestry, reviewed with the Council a background report on Minnesota's forest resources planning assessment and program requirements.

Paul Ellefson appointed a subcommittee to address the Council's responsibilities for reviewing Minnesota's forest resources planning requirements. Planning Subcommittee members are Janet Green, Joe Wood, Howard Hedstrom, Norm Moody, Marcie McLaughlin, Kathy McAllister, and Bob Dunn. The Subcommittee agreed to meet in St. Paul on Friday, April 5, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the North Central Forest Experiment Station's main conference room.

#### Presentations:

*Minnesota Logger Education Program.* Mike Turner, Executive Director, Minnesota Logger Education Program gave an overview presentation of the Minnesota Logger Education Program.

*Public Education/Outreach Initiatives.* Meg Hanisch, Division of Forestry, discussed plans to develop an educational video on Minnesota's forest resources for distribution in the state's school systems. Several council members expressed interest in serving on a committee to advise on the production of this video.

#### Council Member Comments

Jerry Rose gave a short report on the White Pine Task Force.

Marcie McLaughlin distributed the Minnesota Rural Partners Newsletter. Marcie indicated MN Rural Partners will be hosting an international delegation on April 17th in Mankato and encouraged Council member attendance.

Bob Oswald discussed his recent attendance to the 7th American Forestry Congress in Washington, D.C.

Norm Moody and Janet Green requested the Council receive an update on the Interagency Information Cooperative at the next meeting.

Judy Hewes discussed the Minnesota Resort Association's Vacation show. Judy also discussed her recent meeting with Eeva Hellstrom of the European Forest Institute who is conducting research on forest conflicts in the United States.

Joe Wood indicated he will be attending a national Izaak Walton League meeting on April 18th.

Dick Knoll requested the Council receive an update on efforts to establish a voluntary forester certification program in Minnesota.

#### Public Comments

Paul Toren discussed the Environmental Quality Board's Sustainable Development Roundtable and suggested possible linkages between its work and that of the Council.

Jack Rajala provided an update on the work of the Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership and encouraged the Council to take a leadership role in addressing major statewide forest resource issues.

Bridget Hust provided written comments on the Council's efforts to compile information on implementing the GEIS recommendations.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council will be on Thursday, April 18, 1996 at Ruttgers Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

#### Motion:

Joe Wood moved and Norm Moody seconded that the Council stand in adjournment. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.