



Southeast Regional Landscape Committee

March 2, 2004 - 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Plainview Community Center

Meeting Summary

Attendees: Ann Pierce, Barb Spears, Carol Jacobs, Charles Schmitt, Clint Miller, Dan Johnson, Jim Heaser, Jon Cole, Lance Sorensen, Larry Gates, Terry Helbig, Tim Schlagenhaft, and Tom McMillin.

Staff: Chad Skally, Dave Miller

Brief Summary

Meeting Action Items		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim will bring updated maps to the next meeting to show the group. The group will provide Tim with contacts of people who would be interested in the maps. • Activate the Wabasha Blufflands Forest Legacy Area • Develop guiding principles for workshop. 	<p>Tim and Committee Members</p> <p>Clint, Larry, Terry, Ann, and Dave</p> <p>Larry, et al</p>	<p>6/2/04</p> <p>6/30/04</p> <p>4/15/04</p>

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Detailed Summary

9:35 to 10:00	Introductions / Current Activities	Group
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone went around introduced themselves and gave a summary of activities (events in bold): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chad Skally: He is leaving the Forest Resources Council March 23 and Dave Miller will be taking over for working with the Southeast Landscape committee. Also Landscape brochures have been completed that describe what the group is all about. If you need copies contact Dave. Lastly the MFRC just completed their annual report to the governor and Dave will send out copies to committee members. ○ Terry Helbig: MFA is hosting its meeting May 21/22 in Lake City. It would be a good place for this group to provide information on their activities. ○ Charles Schmitt: Completed 3 tree plantings and seeding activities recently. ○ Carol Jacobs: Hiawatha Sustainable Cooper annual meeting is March 18. ○ Larry Gates: Just completed an exotic workshop and attendance was very low. He is meeting with TNC to talk about their projects in the root river basin. ○ Jim Heaser: March 23/24 is a WI/MN sustainable forestry roundtable. Anyone is welcome to attend. For agenda and hotel information: http://www.lsfa.org ○ Tom McMillin: Finishing setting up easement on land. 		

10:00 to 10:40	Blufflands Maps	Tim Schlagenhaft
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim presented a variety of maps to the group. Part of his job with the DNR is to work with various stakeholders and government agencies in the blufflands region and provide them information that would be useful to them. He has just finished making a base set of maps that he plans to share with people this spring. He also is developing a little brochure that explains the data used in the maps. Also he is interested in developing a more detailed book of information groups can use when doing their planning or forestry activities. • The group gave him some suggestions on other data that would be useful, including: easement data (private protected lands), parcel information, forest type land cover, and areas organizations have classified as a priority. • During the discussion there were several areas the group and Tim, thought the Southeast Landscape committee might be able to provide assistance to Tim. This included providing Tim contact information for organization might be interested in the maps, refining and printing the brochure, refining and printing the management book. 		
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10:40 to 12:00	Easements	Clint Miller
Discussion:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clint Miller provided an overview of how easements work. He talked about legal restrictions and tax benefits. He also mentioned who can hold easements and the costs related to easements. His estimates were \$5,000 to set up an easement, and \$7,000 for long-term costs including any amendments and monitoring. 		

12:45 to 1:30	Activation of Forest Legacy Area	Group
Discussion:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since our last meeting Larry, Clint and Chad met with Dick Peterson (DNR) and discussed the steps to activate a forest legacy area. Copies of the process were handed out. The group decided to go ahead with activating the Wabasha Blufflands Forest Legacy Area. ○ Clint, Ann, Larry, Terry, and Dave will provide the leadership for activating the legacy area and will come to the large group if they need any specific information (ie contacts). 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate the Wabasha Blufflands Forest Legacy Area 	Clint, Larry, Ann, Terry, Dave Miller	6/30/04

1:30 to 2:00	Outreach Field Day	Group
Discussion:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chad passed out the summary of ideas for holding a one day workshop. The group was still unsure what the intent and focus of the workshop/ field day would be. Larry offered to write up principles that could guide how the topics in the workshop. He is going to recruit help with this. The group did agree that spring breakup is the best time to hold an event like this. Also the more you can partner with other groups the better. 		
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