

MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

Communication Committee Meeting

NOTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Members Present: Kathleen Preece- Chair, Janet Erdman, Kim Berns-Melhus

Members Absent: Deb Theisen, Bob Owens,

Staff Present: Eric Schenck, Sadie Mathison

Stakeholder Directory Council Input – Kathleen Preece, Chair

Kathleen invited Craig Engwall to join to allow the group to help him with his stakeholder contact list. Craig wasn't able to join however, he offered that all communications for his stakeholder group be sent to his email address.

There was discussion of taking initiative to get the Council members to be more involved with their stakeholder groups. The Committee agreed to continue to invite Council members for one-on-one strategizing.

Communication Committee Composition – Kathleen Preece, Chair

Kathleen will ask Pete if committee members can be recruited from outside of the Council. Eric reviewed the Council's Joint Powers Agreements with the University of Minnesota and how it ties to the idea of recruiting someone to do some database and communication work for the Council. This person might be a good fit to also serve on this committee. Another suggestion for this committee is to loop in the MFRC Forest Planning and Coordination Administrator once hired.

Website Update - Sadie Mathison | Kathleen Preece, Chair

Kathleen expressed a big thank you to those who committed time to making edits on the website.

Sadie shared the status of website updates that have been made since Kathleen solicited help. She also described the places where work is needed and stated that these can be addressed by new staff when hired.

There was discussion of the Forest Carbon portion of the Issues section on the MFRC website. It is in need of significant updating. The group decided that the Forest Scientist can update this portion once hired. In the meantime, the Executive Summary of the Climate Change report can be used.

Staff Update – Eric Schenck, Executive Director

Eric stated that the hiring panel has interviewed one person for the Forest Planning and Coordination Administrator and will be interviewing two more candidates next week. Once a candidate has been selected, or two if there is a tie, there will be informal interviews with the P&F Committee. Eric is working with consultants to finalize the position description for the Forest Scientist position. Once that work is complete, the position will be posted.

May Meeting Update – Eric Schenck, Sadie Mathison

Eric provided an overview of the draft agenda for the upcoming May Council meeting. There was some concern around timing and moderation for the meeting. Kim has agreed to work with Eric to iron out some of the details.

Meeting adjourned.