

MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

Landscape Advisory Committee

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Wednesday December 15, 2021

NOTES

Members present: Jim Manolis, Rick Horton, Keith Karnes, Kim Berns-Melhus, Janet Erdman, Craig Engwall

Absent: Forrest Boe, Deb Theisen

Staff present: Eric Schenck, Sadie Mathison

Introductory Remarks, Approval of November LAC meeting notes, Roll-call, and Introduction of Guests (Jim Manolis)

Jim proposed that the metrics discussion be moved to the end of the agenda.

November meeting notes were approved.

MFRC Update/Landscape Program Manager PD status (Eric Schenck)

The MAD group had been given permission to move forward on the contract work this week. Eric shared some information on the work MAD will complete around the Director of Forest Planning and Coordination position description and reviewed some of the Responsibilities of the position.

The committee suggested edits to aspects of the position description information.

Update/discussion Nursery Capacity Resolution (Jim Manolis)

Jim presented a draft council resolution that has been written at the request of the Council to express support of expansion of state nursery capacity. The resolution began in the Policy Committee and will go back to them for edits. After committee discussion, Jim stated that he will make his final edits, pass it to Eric, Craig, Forrest and/or some of Forrest's staff for refinement, then it will come back to the Policy and Landscape Advisory committees as a draft before presentation to the full Council at the January 18th meeting.

Landscape Program Discussion: Regional Landscape Forum/2019 Survey (Eric Schenck)

Jim reviewed the panel discussion that occurred at the November Council meeting. Eric discussed the outcomes of the small group activity that coincided with the panel. Eric highlighted the fact that all 4 regional committee chairs mentioned the need for more work on private land outreach.

Eric also presented the 2019 results of a survey that was distributed after Lindberg's departure to help guide the future of the landscape program. Survey results found here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dsChqVMUiT76RvKbHk6hOnC8bGDTe2DP_s1XnhYSomk/viewanalytics

There was some committee discussion around strategies for the future of the Regional Landscape Program.

IIC Landscape Metrics Project Continued Discussion (Jim Manolis) - (e.g. Northeast Landscape / Minnesota Forest Resources Council (mn.gov))

Other Priority Metrics (Land Ownership, Forest Cover Types, Carbon, etc.)

One of Jim's TNC staffers put together a draft document of MN age class distribution information from FIA data. He presented it as a reference document and shared some of the graphics with the group. He presented this document as a possible source for information to be included in the Landscape Dashboard Metrics. The document is large and contains a lot of information but he hopes to come back and revisit the document in a future meeting. There was discussion of breaking the information down by ownership type.

Public Comments, Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

Meeting adjourned.