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Aitkin	Rich Courtemanche		Mark Lohmeier
⊠ Becker	Dan McLaughlin		Kory Cease
⊠ Beltrami	Dick Moore		Nathan Heibel
\boxtimes Carlton	Greg Bernu	∠ Lake	Nate Eide
⊠ Cass	Kirk Titus	Lk. of the Woods	Josh Stromlund
Clearwater	Bruce Cox	□ Pine	Greg Beck
⊠ Cook	Bob Thompson	St. Louis	Julie Marinucci/Jason
Crow Wing	Ryan Simonson		Meyer

Meeting Minutes

Date: Meeting held remotely via Zoom, June 9, 2021, at 9:00 am

Approval of Agenda: There was a motion and second (Courtemanche/Marinucci) to approve the agenda. All in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: There was a motion and second (Bernu/Eide) to approve the March 17, 2021, minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Treasurer and Website Manager: Treasurer Courtemanche reported the account balance is \$14,038.64. There were no charges since the last meeting. All Counties have now paid their 2021 dues.

MACLC Representative to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council: Kory Cease reported the Council is updating the website with an increase focused on communication. The Council is still in a hiring freeze.

MACLC Representative to the Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership: Kirk Titus reported the partnership will meet virtually on June 17, 2021. Presentations include The Resilient and Connected Lands Network-Mapping Project-The Nature Conservancy, Mapping Minnesota Forests for Carbon-Scott Hillard MN DNR and a Legislative Update from Amy Kay Kerber MN DNR Legislative Affairs. Other speakers include Chippewa National Forest Supervisor Michael Stansberry and Eric Schenk, Exec. Director MN Forest Resources Council.

Annual Meeting Business

Elected Position Nominations: There was a motion and second (Bernu/McLaughlin) to approve the following nominations: Chair-Nate Eide, Vice Chair-Ryan Simonson, Secretary-Kirk Titus, & Treasurer/Website-Rich Courtemanche. All in favor.



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Standing Committee Member Confirmation**Nominations**: There was a motion and a second (Bernu/Courtemanche) to keep standing committee members the same.

Proposed changes to the existing MACLC By-Laws: There were no changes proposed by the membership.

Review of Membership Dues and Amount - \$500 Current Dues: There was a motion and a second (Bernu/Moore) to keep the dues at \$500 per county. All in favor. The billing will be sent out in November-December, so a county will have the option to pay in the current yar or next year.

Pre-approval for MACLC Treasurer to pay annual website renewal fee. There was a motion and a second (Bernu/Eide) to preapprove the Treasurer to pay the annual website renewal fee and membership dues to Sustainable Forest Education Coop and Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership.

Legislative Session: Conservation Easements on TF land did not make it into the final omnibus bill. MACLC will try again next year. The set aside of TF surplus dollars for cleanup of blight TF properties did make it into the omnibus bill.

Forest Carbon and Land Analysis-Samuel Geer, Urban Ecosystems Landscape Architects/
Jeffrey Brown, Terra Focus: The group spoke on the Emerging Minnesota Bioeconomy.
Topics included carbon credits, carbon offset markets, biobased innovations, improved forest management, carbon neutral energy and food production, funding, implementation and outcomes.

Office of State Archeologist Online Portal Demonstration-Nathan Heibel: The Office of State Archeologist's online portal provides access to the archaeological site inventory and Minnesota Indian Affairs Council's archaeological & cultural sites for all of Minnesota. Data can be viewed down to the 40 acre parcel level. https://osa.gisdata.mn.gov/OSAportal/ Starting July 1, OSA has indicated they will begin charging an access fee to this database on an annual basis. Bruce Koenen is the contact at the OSA's office you can reach out to for more information.

Member Roundtable Discussion

- Topics included Hennepin County's defeat of Pacific Legal in the case regarding a challenge where if land sale revenues exceed back taxes, penalties interest and fees, the surplus revenues shall be returned to the previous owner.
- Craig Schmidt, MN DNR Deputy Director is retiring.
- Forfeited Cemeteries

Next Meeting TBD by Chair Eide

Adjourn: There was a motion and second (Bernu/Marinucci). All in favor.