

# **Northwest Illinois Forestry Association**

## **Minutes of November 12, 2013**

Vice President Dick Pouzar called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the basement meeting room of the Stockton Public Library.

Vice President Pouzar reviewed the February 12<sup>th</sup> minutes and asked for additions or corrections. Hearing none, Lee Freedlund moved that the minutes be approved. Greg Hopton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer, Keith Arnold was not present, so no report was available.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice President Pouzar said that we had not made a decision on the liability insurance issue that was in the February 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. He asked if we should pursue the insurance. Jerry Misek suggested that we should invite the insurance agent to a meeting to more fully discuss what the insurance would cover. Vice President Pouzar said he will contact Robert Dittmar, our insurance agent, and ask him to come to the next NIFA meeting to explain the coverage.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice President Pouzar asked the group if they had ideas as to what we should include in the meeting and tour agenda for 2014. Kevin Cahill suggested that tours covering tree planting and timber stand improvement could be useful to woodland owners.

Jerry Misek will contact IDNR Forester, Jeff Harris, to ask for names of people who have done these practices during the past year. Alvin Wire told the group that he had completed 2 ½ acres of invasive plant removal this year and would be willing to host a tour.

Other items for possible tours or meetings discussed were:

- + A tour of the Pecatonica "forest reserve" –Greg Hopton will make the contact.
- + A tour of wood pelleting machinery in Dubuque – Dick Pouzar will make to contact.
- + A tour of arborist, Jon Kelly's, business with possible discussions on tree diseases and drought effect on trees – Greg Hopton will make the contact.
- + A meeting with IDNR Conservation Police Officers to cover the current laws on poaching, trespass, timber theft, and other current items – Alvin Wire will make the contact. (This is a possibility for the Annual Dinner Meeting speaker.)
- + A tour of Xylem plant near Cordova – Dick Pouzar will make the contact.
- + A Tour of Lee Lubke's Tree Farm – Jerry Misek will make the contact.

- + A tour of a Reedsburg, Wisconsin sawmill – Alvin Wire will make the contact.
- + A tour of DuWayne Mitch's business in Schapville – Dick Pouzar will make the contact.

Other agenda items discussed were:

- + Invite NRCS personnel Jim Ritterbusch or John Bell to discuss forestry aspects of the new Farm Bill after one has been passed.
- + Tri State Forestry Conference at Sinsinawa on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Jerry Misek will contact Jesse Randall to confirm that NIFA will provide people for the registration.
- + The date selected for the NIFA Annual Dinner Meeting is Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 –Ralph Eads will make arrangements for the meal and meeting room.
- + The next 3 business meeting dates are: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013; January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014; February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Vice President Pouzar called for any other business. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Alvin Wire moved to adjourn. Lee Freedlund seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary