



## **Northwest Illinois Forestry Association**

Minutes of November 1, 2022

President Ken Beach called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Officers present were; Ken Beach, Kevin Cahill, and Jerry Misek. Directors present were; Tom Arnold and Jay Solomon.

President Beach asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additions were added.

President Beach called for any additions or corrections to the February 28th minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Cahill moved to approve the minutes. Jay Solomon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Cahill reported that the current balance in the checking account is \$4,424 and one 60 month CD has a balance of \$4,418 and the other 60 month CD has a balance of \$4,811. The total finances are \$13,655.

Treasurer Cahill noted that he has not received a bill from Jay Hayek for the chain saw safety sessions.

President Beach called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Tom Arnold moved to approve the report. Jerry Misek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Membership Report**

Tom Sleeter was not at this meeting and no report was given.

## **Old Business**

President Beach then summarized last year's meetings and tours.

## **New Business**

President Beach reviewed the list that he had sent out of previous meetings and tours for the last few years and with previous suggestions for future events. Much discussion followed.

President Beach then directed the group to move on and propose tentative tours. The following suggestions were made with the follow up person appointed.

January--- Business meeting with possible presentation of woodland trauma treatments with possible leader of Dr. Matt Smetana. ( Ken Beach and Jerry Misek) This may be expanded to a meeting by itself and adding a chain saw representative showing safety items related to chain sawing (Ted Jackson)

February--- Business meeting with possible speakers of John Schroeder or someone on solar energy

March--- Annual Dinner Meeting with Kevin Oetken as featured speaker discussing archeology and showing his findings near our area. (Jerry Misek)

April---Woodland Burns with Jake Pulfer as the leader. (Ken Beach)

May---Tree Planting with Luke Koett as the leader at a location Luke determines. (Tom Arnold)

June--- Sawmill Museum tour encouraging attendance of the youth. (Ken Beach)

July---Forest Products Lab tour emphasizing attendance of youth. (Jerry Misek)

August--- Wooded Wonderland tour with John Eisbach as the leader. (Tom Arnold)

September-- Tree Identification tour with Ken Beach as leader. (Ken Beach)

October --- Open with possible meeting or tour of the Abbey with John Schroeder as leader. ( Ken Beach) (This is possibly to be a presentation following a winter business meeting.)

November--- Business meeting for planning the next year's activities.

December--- Business meeting and election of officers and directors along with solidifying the 2024 agenda.

Special Events---Chain saw safety classes. Tom Arnold will arrange the sessions and locations with Jay Hayek as the instructor.

Many more ideas and possible activities included: Working with other organizations such as Illinois Forestry Association, JoDaviess Conservation Foundation, Illinois Forestry Development Council, Tri State Forestry Conference, The Galena Territory

Other tour possibilities--- Nachusa Prairie, Galena Territory, recent logging sites, tree grafting demos, Johnson Hardwoods, Timber stand Improvement or Crop Tree Release sites.

President Beach asked if there was any more business to be discussed. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Tom Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary

