

Missouri Society of American Foresters
Spring 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Prairie Fork Conservation Area

Attendees: MOSAF Members, Guests

Purpose

To inform attending members about upcoming events and resolve business items that need to be addressed prior to the spring meeting

Objectives

- Provide verbal Committee reports
- Provide an update Prescribed Fire Liability in Missouri (Old Business)
- Identify new issues to address (New Business)

Agenda

1. Welcome: John Kabrick, MOSAF Chair

12:50 – start meeting

2. Minutes from last meeting: Ben Knapp

12:55 – motion (Guldin), second (Maddox), approved

3. Treasurers Report: David Vance

\$10,514

CDs - \$19K each

Money Market, project learning tree - \$11.5K

Due to COVID in 2020 we had no meetings so had no income

4. Announcements

- By Fall 2021 we need nominations for new chair elect
 - January 2022, Mike Bill becomes Chair and new Chair-elect comes in
 - Speak to Gus Raeker with interest
- Mizzou SAF Student Chapter officers for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - President: Taylor Hurley
 - Vice President: Owen Steins
 - Missouri State in process of forming a chapter
 - Efforts for interactions among the student groups
 - Kabrick – invite for professionals to attend meetings
- Forestry Summit, August 10 and 11, 2021, Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia (<https://forestandwoodland.org/2021-forestry-summit>)
- Jon Skinner: Missouri Community Forestry Council has conference in Branson mcfconference.com; registration in July

5. Committee Reports: Committee Chairs

- Audit (Megan Buchanan)
 - Nothing to report

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- Communications
 - Website (Jon Skinner)
 - Hosting company Weebly purchased by Square, requiring making a Square account and a MOSAF email just for that account
 - Newsletter (Chris Lohman)
 - Spring newsletter out in Spring, will be one in Fall
 - With any upcoming events, please contribute (Pictures)
- Council, Fellows and Awards (Jim Barresi)
 - First call for Karkagne, MO Outstanding Forester, etc. – deadline in December
 - Offer to attend student club meeting to promote scholarship
- Education (Mike Goerndt)
 - Not present
- Long Range Planning (Dan Dey)
 - Not present
- Membership (Hank Stelzer)
 - Not present; membership is generally stable
 - National level, concerns with declining membership and how to increase
- Nominating (Gus Raeker)
 - Not present
- Policy and Legislation (Jason Jensen)
 - House Bill 369 – conservation omnibus
 - Included Feral Hog content
 - Definition of feral hog had previously made enforcement difficult
 - Increased severity of deterrent – first offense release is Class A misdemeanor; subsequent violations are Class E Felonies
 - Clarified relationship of Conservation Commission with State Statutes
 - Prescribed burn act
 - Missouri had no prescribed burn act to cover liability (one of five states with none)
 - Undefined liability
 - Contractors had difficulty getting insurance for prescribed burning contractors
 - Defines liability – simple negligence for landowner or certified prescribed burn manager; if trained with burn plan and following prescription, must be proven negligent if fire escapes and causes damage
 - Hope to create more favorable environment for conducting prescribed burning (increase use of fire)
 - Missouri Invasive Species Task Force
 - ‘Cease the sale’ campaign for 141 invasive species
 - Input sought from variety of organizations, including MOSAF
 - Assessed each species to rate placement on cease the sale list
 - Opposed some species because interest from ag community would likely create issues for approving list
- Program (Michael Bill)
 - Fall technical tour upcoming, maybe in southern portion of state

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- Potentially carbon credits at Shannondale
 - Likely one-day meeting
 - MNRC – looking for selected topics/ideas
- Special Funds (David Massengale)
 - Not present
- Tellers (Aaron Moore)
 - Not present
- Forest Science (Lauren Pile)
 - Central Hardwood Conference, April 6-8, 2022, West Virginia
 - Newsletter contribution featuring graduate students at MU or MSU
 - Encourage interactions with students
 - Potential synthesis of research in the state
- MNRC Steering Committee (Jon Skinner)
 - 2022 – Planning is underway
 - 2024 – hosted by MOSAF
 - do not have a full planning committee together yet
 - Consider being willing to help out if asked
- Historian (Dave Larsen)
 - Not present

6. Old Business

Prescribed Fire Liability in Missouri (Jason Jensen)

- Covered during committee reports

7. New Business

Please share new business items

- Jim Guldin: new member just moved to MO
 - Silviculture Instructors virtual tour
 - Video contribution from Pioneer Forest will feature hardwood silviculture at Pioneer
 - Denise Vaughn will make the video
 - Will be available for the use in the Pioneer website

8. Agency/consulting firm/NGO/university News

- Pioneer: Jason Green
 - Greg Iffrig retired, replaced by Roger Still, working out very well
 - Strategic Plan two years ago included hiring an ecologist
 - Interviews next week
 - Designed to be very complementary position with foresters and ecologist; based in Salem
 - Maddox: What would the ecologist do (specific ideas)
 - Green: pine management area will have ecology driven by silviculture, will provide additions to management plans
 - In burn units, burn plan is only management plan, and this would provide management plan within burn units
 - Jason Jensen: will there be invasive species focus included?

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- Green: Yes that will be part of it
- Guldin: the Board is interested in understanding ecological variability across large property and incorporating that into the management
 - Set targets for things like glade restoration and fire
 - Management for brown-headed nuthatch
- MDC
 - Mike Bill: Two forester positions open in the Ozarks (one from Van Buren; one from Eminence)
 - Megan Buchanan: Research project using LANDIS with MOFEP and Chilton Creek Data to simulate/model fire and landscape-scale management effects
 - Will incorporate wildlife models into this effort
 - Can contribute to long-term management plans to reach specific target conditions
 - Assessing role and improvements for future of MOFEP
 - Brad Graham: working with software improvements for these models to help optimize management
- MU (Ben Knapp)
 - Students: numbers are up
 - Faculty: Mike Stambaugh and Jeff Wood new tenure track faculty members
 - Converted from Research positions to include teaching
 - Mike Stambaugh to teach Forest Ecology and Forest Health
 - Jeff Wood to teach Tree Physiology
 - Restructure of MOAES
 - There will be four hubs across the state
 - Mid-Missouri hub to include South Farm, Bradford, Baskett, HARC, Sanborn
 - All sites administered through CAFNR, MOAES
- Forest Service (Lauren Pile)
 - New Chief: Randy Moore
 - New Station Director: Cindy West
- Consulting Foresters (from Lynn Barnickol)
 - New manager of Call Before You Cut program
 - Forest management plans with NRCS
 - Fall technical session Oct 21-22 for consulting forester group, contact Lynn for additional information

9. Adjourn

Motion: Maddox

Second: Pile

Adjourned 1:50

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Attendees:

- Adam Osvath
- Angela George
- Ben Knapp
- Brad Fuller
- Brad Graham
- Brayden Howard
- Bruce Palmer
- Caleb Blakely
- Carl Hauser
- Charlie Krasuski
- Chris Lohmann
- Dacoda Maddox
- Darrel Dostall
- David Vance
- Erin Napoli
- Gary Gognat
- James Barresi
- James Guldin
- Jason Jensen
- Jason Green
- John Kabrick
- Kristin Goodrich
- Kyle Monroe
- Kyle Petry
- Lance Vickers
- Lauren Pile
- Megan Buchanan
- Mike Bill
- Paul Johnson
- Steve Paes
- Tod Kinerk
- Tyler Bradford
- Luke Miller
- Joe Alley