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**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Meeting held remotely via Zoom, July 9, 2020 at 9:00 am

**Approval of Agenda:** There was a motion and second to approve the agenda (Weber /Beck). The motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** There was a motion and second to approve the February 19-20, 2020 minutes as submitted (Bernu/Moore). The motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kerr reported a balance of \$11,107.59 as of July 9, 2020. Since the last meeting, there was a deposit of \$1000 for Carlton and Crow Wing membership dues. Expenses of \$1,605.03 to Hampton Inn for the St. Paul meeting. Going forward, the dues notices will be emailed on or about December 1 so individual counties can decide what year their dues will be paid.


**Annual Meeting Business**

**Standing Committee Reports**

**MFRP:** Titus reported the next meeting is September 17 with meeting location to be determined. The speaker presentations from the virtual meeting are available at MFRP website. <https://www.mnforestpartnership.com/branching-out.html>

**MFRC:** There was a motion and a second (Courtemanche/Simonson) to resubmit Dick Moore as MACLC representative on the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. All in favor.

**Proposed changes to the existing MACLC By-Laws:** There were no changes proposed by membership. It was recommended to review the document to make sure virtual meetings are permitted.

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**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 year or next year.

**Pre-approval for MACLC Treasurer to pay annual website renewal fee:** There was a motion and a second (Courtemanche/Weber) to preapprove the Treasurer to pay annual website renewal fee.

**Legislative Session Discussion:** All MACLC initiatives derailed by COVID.

**Forest Inventory:** Kooch, Lake and St Louis are participating in the LIDAR acquisition for the Rainy Lake Block. COVID has delayed that project one year. Kooch is working with Tim Mack on growth and yield modeling for harvest planning. Accurate yield tables are important. St Louis is also working with Mack on a similar. The data has just been submitted. As soon COVID allows, Titus and Cease will meet with Tim Mack to discuss a project for county inventory design with an emphasis on timber management and harvest planning.

**Verso Announcement** Verso consumed 150,000 cords of spruce and balsam fir. The amount of volume offered does vary by county. Some solutions include lowering the base price to extensions to making the species optional or no bid and changing utilization standards. The closure of the Wisconsin Rapids mill will affect birch markets for the eastern counties.

There was a good discussion on the possibilities of using CARES Act funding to provide some relief for logging contractors. Other markets for balsam fir and spruce include Blandin and PCA as well as spruce bolts to sawmills.

### Other Items

**Covid-19 Impacts:** Many Counties are open for business with a couple still closed and some partially open for courts. Several land sales have been delayed until fall. St Louis Co. is conducting an online land sale auction. This online auction will be live on [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com) June 18, 2020 through July 16, 2020. A few oral timber auctions are being held at larger venues like Highway Shops to meet social distancing guidelines.

### Northern Long Eared Bat:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in partnership with the Wisconsin DNR and Michigan DNR, is developing the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). They are seeking input on draft chapters of the HCP as they are developed, and chapters six through eight (along with the Landowner Enrollment Program Appendix) are now available for review through August 21, 2020. A webinar is scheduled on Thursday, July 30, 2020, from 1–2 pm. This webinar is an opportunity to learn more about the HCP, including highlights of chapters six through eight and the Landowner Enrollment Program

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**Next Meeting:** To be determined by the Chair.

**Adjourn:** There was a motion and second (Bernu/Courtemanche) to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.