SOTA ASSOC	
E COUNTY	
COMMISSION	
MACLC	

Aitkin	Carlton	Cook	Itasca	Lake of the Woods
Becker	Cass	Crow Wing	Koochiching	Pine
Beltrami	Clearwater	Hubbard	Lake	St. Louis

Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Meeting held Clyde Iron Works, Duluth September 29, 2021, at 10:00 am

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: There was a motion and second (McLaughlin/Moore) to approve the June 9, 2021, minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Treasurer and Website Manager: Treasurer Courtemanche reported the account balance is \$13,819.69. Expenses since the last meeting were \$14.95 to WIX.com for domain name and \$204.00 to WIX.com for website.

MACLC Representative to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council: Kory Cease reported the Council is hopeful to hire staff in the late fall. The logger survey has been completed. The new website is up and running. Check it out. https://mn.gov/frc/ Research Advisory Committee has been active.

MACLC Representative to the Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership: The Lourey Field Trip took place on September 28, 2021, at Kerrick MN in Pine County. The Lourey Family property is 1,800 acres and enrolled in the Tree Farm system. Several MACLC members attended.

Noxious Weed Advisory Committee

Dick Moore reported that legislation for noxious weed grants did not pass in the recent legislative session. Four new species have been identified for inclusion on the noxious weed lists.

Legislative Session Discussion: Recently, MACLC Chair Nate Eide presented the following 2022 MACLC legislative priorities at the Association of Minnesota Counties Fall Policy Conference.

OF OF	
COUNTY S	
MACLC 1	

Aitkin	Carlton	Cook	Itasca	Lake of the Woods
Becker	Cass	Crow Wing	Koochiching	Pine
Beltrami	Clearwater	Hubbard	Lake	St. Louis

- Leases
- Blighted Property set aside TF surplus dollars
- Conservation Easements on TF Land

Lake County Commissioner Rich Sve is AMC President this year. There was a motion and second (Courtemanche/Lohmeier) asking Chair Eide to draft a letter of support to John Ongaro identifying the 2022 MACLC legislative priorities. Julie Marinucci and Mark Weber will provide support as needed.

New Treasurer Position: There was a motion and second (Courtemanche/Cease) to nominate and approve Nathan Heibel as Treasurer. All in favor.

New Website Manager: There was a motion and a second (Lohmeier/Bernu) to nominate and approve Julie Marinucci as Website Manager. All in favor.

Forest Carbon Discussion: The conservation easement legislation will be needed prior to the implementation of any wetland banking or carbon projects. MACLC should monitor school trust lands for smaller pilot projects.

Mike Kilgore- County Land Management Data and Information Needs: Beyond inventory Dr. Kilgore was asking for county data needs. Ideas included growth modeling resources, growth and yield tables and weight conversion scales for all commercial species

Ray Higgens. Rick Horton MFI-TPA: Higgens updated the group on several issues. MLEP is expected to make an offer to a new Executive Director. Mike Berkland has resigned from MFI. Higgens has been named Executive Vice President of TPA. He also gave a market summary for paper and solid wood products. Thanked those Counties who provided COVID programs for loggers who were impacted.

Next Meeting December 15 at a location to be determined.

Pay The Room: There was a motion and second (Bernu/McLaughlin) to pay the room. All in favor.

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



Aitkin	Carlton	Cook	Itasca	Lake of the Woods
Becker	Cass	Crow Wing	Koochiching	Pine
Beltrami	Clearwater	Hubbard	Lake	St. Louis

Weber Retirement Appreciation:



On September 29, 2021, Carlton County Land Commissioner Greg Bernu (R) presents Mark Weber (L) a plaque for his 7 1/2 years of exemplary service as St Louis County Land Commissioner. We thank Mark for his leadership and career commitment to Minnesota forestry.