

LAKE STATES RESOURCE ALLIANCE, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

TIMBER PROFESSIONAL BLDG.

3242 GOLF COURSE RD.

RHINELANDER, WI

CALL TO ORDER: President Langohr called the meeting to order at 9:30am. He reminded the membership of the Antitrust Statement that governs conduct during LSRA meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT and signing the Antitrust Statement were: Brad Ruesch, Mike Roiger, Orv Langohr, Gary Zimmer, Dick Connor, Dean Pelkey, John Johnson, John Schnorr, Jane F. Severt, Dave Newman and Bill O'Brion.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dick Krawze, Richard Krupp, Gil Wagner, Jeff Mausolf, and Spence McElroy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: O'Brion passed out the treasurer's report. Roiger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as passed out, Zimmer seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

4.a. WEBSITE: Dave Newman reported that the site is pretty much done. Changes made: Pictures to represent the membership, Welcome/Public Lands, Officer page, Membership Information, Contact Us, Find your Legislator, Raffle, Newsletter – needs to be done, Links. Will look at adding more links for additional organizations. The bill was \$160.00. Let Newman know if there is anything you want to put on the Web-Site.

4.b. UPDATE ON CHANGING TO 501©(3) – O'Brion reported nothing done.

4.c. Budget for 2011 and cuts to be made – Treasurer Bill O’Brion reported on the dire financial state of LSRA. Bill informed the Board that in order to meet current expenses the Certificate of Deposit (CD) held by LSRA would need to be drawn on. The Board reviewed to date income and expenses for the current fiscal year. It was evident to the Board that the organization will not be able to continue business as usual because the organization simply does not have the financial means to do so.

M/S John Schnorr/Brad Ruesch to proceed with dissolving LSRA. Discussion on this motion included the current financial state of the organization, the costs associated with having an employee, the purpose of the organization and goals of the organization. Roll call vote was requested on this motion;

Dick Connor – no	John Schnorr – abstained from voting
John Johnson – no	Jane Severt - no
David Newman – no	Gary Zimmer - no
Dean Pelkey – no	Michael Roiger - no
Brad Ruesch – yes	Bill O’Brion – no

M/S David Newman/Mike Roiger to terminate LSRA’s Executive Secretary position as of Friday, February 18, 2011 and offer a severance package of \$1,000 severance pay and allowing the individual currently employed as Executive Secretary to keep LSRA owned office equipment currently kept at her residence and a formal severance agreement will be prepared and signed with all LSRA records being returned to the LSRA President. Motion carried all ayes.

M/S Dick Connor/Dean Pelkey that the matter of LSRA dissolution be taken up at the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting of LSRA. Motion carried all ayes.

M/S David Newman/John Johnson to accept the proposal from Trees for Tomorrow to temporarily provide necessary services to LSRA until the August 17, 2011 Annual Membership Meeting. Motion carried all ayes.

M/S Jane Severt/Mike Roiger to authorize the Treasurer of LSRA to cash in the CD currently held by LSRA before the due date of September 25, 2011, pay necessary penalties and deposit the balance in the LSRA checking account in order to have funds available to pay current expenses. Motion carried all ayes

M/S Bill O’Brion/Gary Zimmer to appoint Dave Newman as Secretary of LSRA until the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting. Motion carried all ayes.

4.d. Mail Box and 4.e. Address of Association - There was discussion on the LSRA mailbox and the address of the association. It was decided to keep the current LSRA address until the Annual Membership Meeting in August. Arrangements will be made to have the mail forwarded following the April meeting.

4.f. New Members – There was discussion on how to recruit new members and how to get back some LSRA members who have not renewed their membership. There was discussion on the method used for sending out membership invoices.

4.g. Phone and Fax Change – The current LSRA telephone and fax will be disconnected as of Friday, February 18, 2011.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – There were no committee reports

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.a. 1069 General Liability Insurance – Bill O’Brion reported to the Board that LSRA has a liability insurance policy covering the Board of Directors for decisions made when acting as board members. LSRA currently does not have a general liability policy covering acts outside of those. There was discussion on the necessity for that type of insurance and the costs versus the risks. Due to the financial state of LSRA it was decided to wait until the Annual Membership Meeting before making any decisions on this type of insurance policy.

6.b. Workman’s Compensation Insurance – The Board was briefed on the current status of workman’s compensation insurance.

6.c. Liability Insurances for the Board – discussed with item 6.a.

6.d. Liabilities from CPA – All necessary employment taxes and tax forms have been brought up to date.

6.e. Forest Service released new proposed planning rule for the national forest system. Comment period is 90 days. – There was discussion on this newly released proposal. Board members have not yet had sufficient time to review the material. RGS, WCFA, and LSRA will all be offering comment on the proposal.

6.f. Update on meeting with Reid Ribble – President Langhor reported to the group on a February 4 meeting with newly elected Congressman Reid Ribble. There was good attendance at the meeting and several groups were represented including; schools, counties, GLTPA, State Representative Tom Tiffany, State Representative Jeff Mursau, RGS, and LSRA. The meeting included discussion on forest service payments to towns, recreational trail systems such as the Nicolet Trail, truck traffic and weight limits, decreased harvest on the CNNF, and other issues important to forestry and recreation.

6.g. Planned Fest at Trees for Tomorrow in August – The Board was briefed on an event entitled “Forest Fest” that will be held at Trees for Tomorrow on Saturday, August 6. The event is going to be a forest expo of sorts and will feature booths and other informational offerings regarding all aspects of forests. RGS, WCFA, and SAF are all planning on being part of the event at this time. There was discussion on having the LSRA display in a booth at the event.

6.h. Update on the Public Responses to the Proposed Restrictions on Hunting & Snowmobiling in parts of the Huron/Manistee National Forest – Gary Zimmer reported that the comment period on this proposal ended last Friday. 7,409 comments were received on the proposal to limit hunting and snowmobiling activities in parts of the Huron/Manistee. The forest service will now proceed with analyzing the comments but it appears as though, by far, the majority of comments were against the proposed limitations.

6.i. Quarterly SOPA Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest update – John Schnorr addressed the Board regarding a past decision to discuss/comment on all projects related to motorized recreation listed in the Quarterly SOPAs for national forests in our region. There was discussion on the number of projects, amount of time available, and interests of Board members. Several Board members receive information on projects specific to their interests and provide comments on those projects.

6.j. WOHVA's 7th Annual Wisconsin OHV Enthusiasts Workshops - John Schnorr reported that WOHVA's Annual Workshops and Membership Meeting is scheduled for April 9 in Mole Lake. There will be a FISTA Chainsaw Safety Session offered as part of the event.

7. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

The question was asked regarding CNNF RACs and the status of projects. It was reported that proposed projects have been signed by Forest Supervisor Paul Strong. There are several innovative projects such as mowing of hunter/walking trails and wildlife habitat improvements in conjunction with local sports clubs, culvert replacements and trout remediation projects.

8. SET NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN MEETING

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 20. The meeting will be held at the GLTPA building. **M/S Mike Roiger/Gary Zimmer** to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by,
Dave Newman, Secretary