

Illinois Forestry Development Council Meeting – October 21, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Rolfe. Six Council members and nine Task Group members were present. Chairman Rolfe announced that the report on Sustainable Forest Management and Criteria Indicators was on the Council Website at <http://ifdc.nres.uiuc.edu/publications/SFMCI.htm>

Critical Issues Paper – Jean Mangun

At the September Council meeting Jean brought the Council up to date on what she was planning in preparing a briefing document of key issues that are important to the Council. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that she would prioritize the issues from the Critical Issues Forum in 1999 and bring back to the Council. A summary list of issues that were identified at the Critical Issues Forum was distributed for discussion:

- ✓ Educational outreach and public relations
- ✓ Timber supply/demand
- ✓ Economic development and industry support
- ✓ Urban and community forests
- ✓ Urban/rural interface issues
- ✓ Forestland development
- ✓ Trends in forest quality and distribution
- ✓ Biodiversity
- ✓ Fragmentation
- ✓ Preservation
- ✓ Exotic species invasion
- ✓ Riparian forests
- ✓ Management in general
- ✓ Public land management
- ✓ Private land management
- ✓ Funding/agency support
- ✓ Research

Council and Task Group members were asked to write down their five most critical issues; duplicates were eliminated from the list and the remaining issues were ranked again.

Discussion followed on how to develop recommendations for the eight/nine issues identified. It was decided to put the issues on a website(s) to solicit public input for recommendations for the issues/problems that were identified.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 17, 2003 meeting minutes as submitted.

FDA Financial Update – *Dick Little*

Dick will get more accurate information on the cost-share program and report at the next meeting.

Council Liaison Report – *Dick Little*

- ✓ Council display at the Farm Progress Show
- ✓ Met with the China forestry delegation that was visiting Illinois
- ✓ Council display at the Illinois Science Teachers Association meeting in Peoria
- ✓ Interstate RC&D received a grant from the Forest Service to put on a Forest Expo in Davenport, Iowa in September 2004
- ✓ Upper Mississippi Partnership Steering Committees have been appointed (Bob Sloan, Dick Little and Lee Rife)
- ✓ DNR is changing the Ginseng law (increase fees and add other protective plants)

Presentation – *Shane McDearman*, District Forester

Shane is the District Forester in District 17. He spoke on “Reforestation and forest management practices in District 17”

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Tour – *Craig Willenborg*

Craig presented the schedule for the tour on Wednesday, October 22

- ✓ Visit a management/harvesting operation
- ✓ Willenborg Sawmill
- ✓ Willenborg Finishing Plant
- ✓ Lunch at Ballards Nature Center
- ✓ Update on Tree Farm Regionalization – *Mary Grapperhaus*

Meeting adjourned.