

Illinois Forestry Development Council – Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

Location: Illinois Farm Bureau, Board Conference Room, 1701 Towanda Ave., Bloomington, IL.

Attendees: Bill Gradle, Director (IFDC), Lauren Lurkins (IFB), Eric Holzmueller (SIU), Tom Gargrave (IDNR-Forestry), Jacob Stuckey (Illinois Finance Authority), Karla Gage (SIUC), Mike Brunk (Urban Forestry Rep-City of Urbana), Lydia Scott (Environmental Rep), Elliot Lagacy (IDOA), Stan Curtis (Forest Industry), Kurt Bobsin (IL Tree Farm), Silas Scott (Representing Senator Barickman), Paul Deizman (IL DNR-Forestry), Jim Zaczek (SIU), Roy Bailey (Tree Farm), Jay Hayek (U of I), Joe Fitzsimmons (IFA), Ray Herman, (AISWCD), Patti Cludray, Recorder (SIUC). By Phone: Rob Sproul (IAA).

Call to Order: 10:10 a.m. – Jim Zaczek, IFDC Chair welcomed members and acknowledged caller Rob Sproul.

AGENDA ITEM:

Minutes of the March 13th Meeting:

- The meeting agenda and the minutes March 13, 2019 meeting of the IFDC were made available to the committee members. Minutes were reviewed and discussed.
 1. Correction requested by Lydia Scott to Agenda Item: Oak Ecosystems.....; clarification of the recording of her report to the council on the discussion of the makeup of IIPSC. Minutes should correctly record/indicate that, the IGIA only discussed the previously proposed makeup of the IIPSC (possibly 8 industry and 8 non-industry individuals) no decision was made on this; there will be further discussion, and no action was taken at that meeting.
 2. Patti Cludray, noted she was told of the need for clarification to the Agenda Item: Proposal to Renew Agreement....; wording was omitted from bullet point 1, sentence beginning with Three years ago... this should be corrected to, Three years ago, chosen to administer the funding for the position of the IFDC Director which was approved, advertised and filled.
- Jim Zaczek asks for further discussion or if there are any other additions or corrections to the March 2019 meeting minutes. None are noted. Patti C. indicates that the minutes will be corrected as indicated.
- **MOTION:** Ray Herman makes a Motion to approve minutes as amended; Motion is seconded by Joe Fitzsimmons. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM:

Overview of the Illinois Farm Bureau Priorities and Objectives in Forestry: Presented by IFB representative, Lauren Lurkins. Lauren welcomes the members of the IFDC; she is happy to be here today and looks forward to working with the Council and affiliated agencies; she begins by familiarizing the Council members with the IFB and its purpose.

- The IFB has a 75 page manual from the IL county Farm Bureaus; this is used as a guide to policy. The IFB is not rigid, so this manual is a living document. The IFB sets new priorities every year.
- IFB recognizes and supports many Forestry initiatives; firm believers in private property owner's rights; that includes their forested land.
- The IFB manages resources and is made up of a staff dedicated to environmental stewardship; setting priorities and addressing action items. Lauren passed out publications on some current IFB programs.
 - The Natural Environmental Resources Report for 2018. Outlining issues worked on in the calendar year.

- The 2018-2038 IL Monarch Project. An agriculture action plan.
- 2018 Water Quality Update. Twice a year the IFB has the opportunity to report on water quality. The IFB has committed over \$1 million to water work including: prioritizing research at State universities; showing farmers how rules can benefit them through outreach and education; how AG can improve water quality with too much regulation.
- Looking at about ½ advocacy / ½ education in the IFB. These publications are presented to help people understand the rules and what is being done.
- At the IFB sometimes they have to say no at the State and local level; but new ideas are supported. The IFB's parent organization is the American Farm Bureau (AFB).
- Lauren invites questions.
 - Wade, are there polices at the National level dealing with Forestry issues? Lauren – we hear about Forestry issues but the FB does not make policy. Lauren- will inquire to make sure what AFB policy is on Forestry issues. Wade C. – would appreciate it if Lauren would make sure that the Council know, as an organization, what the AFB Forest policies are. Stan C., is there any way we can voice our concerns? Lauren – become an IFB member.
 - Members have a voice, can be heard. Resolutions Committee meets in July and November with State/Local governing committees / Conservation of Natural Resources committee. They review. /discuss priorities set by the Board of Director.
 - Also, Farm Week, publication, identifies issues / tells members what is being worked on. Publication content, articles are retooled online daily. Our membership gets their news in different ways: RFD radio – broadcasts to our affiliates; the southern 10 counties in IL have their own IFB publication.
 - Mechanisms are in place to increase our membership by opening to professional supporter members at the county level. Wade – would this allow members to bring forth Forestry policy issues at the local level? Lauren – opinions could be voiced and issues reviewed at different levels.
 - Jim Z. isn't it often the case that forestland is not considered quality farmland? Lauren – not sure, this may be the case but, education is needed. Wade C., - would it be possible for the IFDC to attend the annual meeting of the IFB? We would like to help education farmers; we want forestlands to be considered as a farm crop. Lauren – There is precedent for asking for the ability to bring in experts for micro-talks. There are 5-6 slots for this type of talk. Jay H – volunteers to go to the meeting in Chicago, if possible, to speak and provide education on Forestry in Illinois. Federal government recognizes forestland as farmland for tax breaks – woods are a commodity.
 - Lauren – There are opportunities for speaking at the county F.B's but we could talk about including this in a micro talk at the Annual IFB meeting in December. Ray H. – with the price of other crops going down; farmers still don't really understand the value of their tree crop as a commodity, if it is properly managed. Unfortunately it isn't promoted to our farmers.
 - Lauren - Does the IFDC have seats for farm reps – yes Roy Bailey and Terry Davis?
- Jim Z. ask if there are any further questions for Lauren.
- Tom G., addresses oversight to Lauren and the group re: Monarch project. The IFB was the lead on the Monarch project however, IDNR was/is involved with the project and is not listed as a partner. It was missed that IDNR Division of Forestry provided 150 million plants of milkweed. Lauren – to Tom, your current director identified this issue; FB recognizes that there are many pieces and factors that came together for this project to be a success. IDNR Division of Forestry produced the seed that made this happen. With the new Director being a good communicator, it is our hope that things will not be missed in the future.
- Jim Z. thanks Lauren for her report to the Council and the IFB for being so accommodating in providing a meeting place and refreshments for the IFDC meeting today.

AGENDA ITEM:

Invasive Species Council Reinstatement Progress: Report was made to the Council by Lydia Scott.

- A sub-committee is working on what the Invasive Species Council (ISC) would look like. There is strong support for the reinstatement of the ISP by the Director. Committee has been asked to work on parameters and bring that back to them.
- This sub-committee is made up of nine members and the group is not only concern with plant issues, but water, wildlife, etc.
- Sub-committee will be coming back together to discuss ISC issue via call; 20th of May.
- The Invasive Species Council was dissolved 3 years ago, due to budget cuts. Stan C., - where would funding come from for the ISC at this point? State funding should be available; nothing is setup yet, but there should be no barriers for getting funding for the ISC back in place.
- Sub-committee is looking for as much direction and input as possible from stakeholders. Council member are encouraged to provide suggestions.

AGENDA ITEM:

Items that need to be included in the Annual Report to the IL General Assembly, including

Recommendations: Group discussion led by Bill Gradle.

- Bill is looking for council input and recommendations included in the report need to come from the Council. Four recommendations were included in last year's Annual Report.
 1. Suggested overhaul of Workmen's Comp (WC) in IL
 2. Increase of 4 million to reinstate the Invasive Species Council
 3. Increase appropriations by 2.5 mil to hire extra staff dedicated to research
 4. Increase IFDC budget to \$650,000 to allow for more grants and mini-summits.
- Printed copies of our Annual Report for 2018 were mailed to the General Assembly; the only feedback was interest in the WC issues.
- Bill asks the Council members, what the Council wants to see in this year's report. Reminds Council that the IFDC is required by statute to provide an Annual Report by close of the fiscal year (June 30, 2019). Last year's report was late; the General Assembly is not complaining, but would like this year's report to meet the deadline. Lauren L. – notes there are 30 new members in the Assembly who may never have thought about these issues; this may be one way to educate the General Assembly and introduce them to these things. Council discussion begins.
 - Stan C., - WC is too high in IL. Ten years ago the WC rate was 1.26 or every 1.00 of wages and the Forest Industry in IL shrank; we simply could not afford WC. Even though the cost of WC in IL has come down (now .50 of every 1.00 of wages); this is still higher than surrounding states so WC is still a serious issue. Jim F. – when talking to loggers and other industry professionals here in IL the WC rates here in Illinois are prohibitive. We have a big market for white oak in southern IL (whiskey barrels) harvest of this commodity is going out of State. Wade C., - Stan, would WC reform be enough to get industry back? Stan C., - probably would not bring industry professionals back, but it would allow those industry professionals who are still here in IL to become competitive. The answer for many IL industries has been to downsize; using small crews where everyone involved in daily operations is an owner, and they don't need to provide WC. Wade C., - how about taxation issues. Stan C. – There is a capital investment credit – it is comparative to AG. Stan C., - to Lauren L, what are you hearing from crop farmers regarding WC? Lauren L., - has not spoken to state lobbyists – she is sure that the FB has taken a position on WC in the past. Will check into this and get back to Council. High WC must also be impacting small manufacturing and many other small businesses. Kurt B., - so what is a good target WC rate? Stan C., .20 - .30 per dollar of wages would be fair and competitive. When IL rate was at 1.25 per dollar of

- wages in Missouri rates were .35 per dollar of wages. WC rates have decreased across the county by .20 - .30, but employers aren't just paying WC for their employees, there is also FICA and health insurance. Jay H. – Who sets the WC rates? Stan C. – The State insurance industry sets a rate pool and the WC rate is then set by the State. Most of industry is in the designated rate pool; you may have a chance to get a lower rate because of good practices.
- Paul D., - Recommendations in the report should also include 1) Forest Industry issues, 2) Permanent funding for Forestry, 3) Reforestation of marginal lands. Trees are the answer to global warming.
 - Ray H., - The 2nd recommendation was to increase Forestry division funding it does include cost - share. This is still a critical issue. Landowners need technical assistance, they are sweeping our 4% monies and they are doing less and less Forestry. Need to fight hard for a better Forestry budget, more assistance of forestland owners. We would like our 4% back, it has been swept since 2000. Ray fully supports that recommendation.
 - Mike B., - Tree planting is a positive issue; there should be emphasis on tree planting in urban areas. Recommend the Council include a suggestion of State tree planting in IL. Paul D., - Reforestation is a priority in the Action Plan. Jay H. – we need to educate our legislators on the positives of tree planting, i.e. carbon sequestration.
 - Wade C., - could we get an invitation to meet with AG and Conservation committees to testify on Forestry issues in IL. Silas – usually needs to be a specific bill to address the committee. Wade C., - didn't Council used to go? Jay H., - I don't know, but would appreciate this possibility being looked into. Tom G., - of the 5 pending forestry related Legislative issues none are tree planting/reforestation. Not been called to testify, on any of the 5 issues. Can't recall the exact issues, but they were fairly insignificant.
 - Lauren L. – there is a quarterly / Farm Week for law makers. Think of opportunities to showcase pro-active issues, perhaps we could high-light action items in this publication in an article. We get positive feed-back from this publication. Jay H., - this may be a good opportunity for the Council, maybe we could work on something for this publication.
 - Bill G., - are there other issues that need to be addressed in the report?
 - Addressing vacancies here on the Council should be a priority. There are basically 4 spots; 3 spots are open, Bill has done a great job with this, but Bill is retiring and we need to go forward with securing a full slate of members for IFDC. There is one spot remaining for a landowner engaged in farming. Nominees must be submitted through Chris Young's office; then it goes forward, sometimes we get feedback/sometimes not. Mike B., could the legislative vacancies be due to a timing issue? There are a lot of open positions needing government approval. Is this something that the IDNR can help with/ are they aware that the open IFDC position are sitting there? Elliot L., - do we have a pool of names to choose from? Well, we will need a pool of names ready; those need to be people who are willing and ready to serve on the IFDC. Ray H., who will provide the list of names to the IL Legislature? Kurt B., to Bill G., do we already have a list of names to fill those government appointed slots? Bill G., - we don't have input on designated reps of Speaker of the House, Senate, etc. If you know names of landowner engaged in farming send those to Bill as soon as possible. We also have IFDC members who are inactive and have not been to a meeting in years, i.e. Craig Willenborg. Council should review members and consider contacting those who are inactive, then explore possibilities to fill those positions through proper action. Bill will look into that process.
 - Bill G., remember the report is due July 1, so email Bill any names to fill vacancies or any other matters that should be included in the Annual report in a timely manner. Lydia will provide content for the report on the Invasive/Oak Ecosystem issues.

- Jim thanks and recognizes Bill for his work on the Annual Report. Once the report is ready Bill will send it to Patti Cludray at SIU for printing and distribution to General Assembly.
 - Patti asks Bill about the number of copies the Council would like printed. Bill indicates that 500 was printed last year, and that amount will be sufficient for this year's report as well. Patti will update the list of members of the General Assembly from the State listing, and distribute via U.S. mail once printed.

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss the request from Ancil Glink on the Workmen's Comp RFP: Discussion led by Rob Sproul (via telephone).

- Rob reports that the RCP went back out for bids with revised language; it was sent out to a variety of groups. Still failed to get any response except from Ancil Glink. They are the only ones interested and would need more direction before giving the Council a final cost. Rob tells the Council that he does not have the expertise to tell Ancil Glink what the IFDC wants or needs in this document. It does sound like there is still interest among members of the General Assembly who would like more information on this topic.
- Rob opens this topic up for discussion and asks the Council to consider: Do we want to go forward with a White Paper?
 - Lydia S., - Should Stan Curtis speak with Ancil Glink and would he be willing to do so. Stan C., he is willing and will give them a call.
 - Jay H., - would like to have a University Research Economist provide an impact analysis on the WC issue here in Illinois as well. (MSU does have an Economist; could we see they would be willing to do this work).
 - Bill G., - looking at the Economic impact is interesting. Paul D., we are already among the 20 states participating in putting together new data on Forestry issues. Wade C., to Paul, could we approach them about this issue? Paul D., much is/has been gained from the IDNR partnerships which other agencies/state universities he will check on this.
 - Mike B., going back to Ancil Glink; this firm does have a good reputation.
 - Bill G., to Stan, please call and see what they would need to proceed and what they can do.
 - The Council discussion turns to funding; the IFDC has not spent out its budget over the last 7 years. There should be money available to explore this further. Rob S., so does the Council propose we table the need for a White Paper until more investigation is done and we have a clearer idea of what we want/need to know. No one has met the \$5,000 limit set in the RFP; and the Council has already voted not to accept Ancil Glink's original bid amount. Jim – why is the \$5,000 threshold out there? Paul D., - that is because of State rule i.e. \$2,000 is okay to approve at Council level. Above 10,000 then it must go through the bidding system.
 - Stan C., will call Ancil Glink tomorrow. Was a date set for delivery of the White Paper? No, only for responses to the RFP.
- Jim calls for any further discussion. None indicated. Jim thanks Rob for his efforts and for providing this information to the Council.

12:05 p.m. - MEETING ADJOURNED

LUNCH: The March 2019 meeting of the IFDC is adjourned for lunch at the Farm Bureau café. Lunch is provided by the IFDC.

1:00 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEM:

Illinois Forest Action Plan Edit update (IFAP): Provided by Mike Brunk.

- Charles Warwick has been working on this and gave a brief synopsis.
 - There was an issue with editing of the Assessment of Needs Report (AON). This was originally prepared many years ago, so all he had was a PDF of the document. Fortunately the PDF did scan into an editable document, but Charles is having to go through it carefully. However, there should be no problem with completion by the end of the fiscal year.
- Jim thanks Mike for updating the Council with this information.

AGENDA ITEM:

Agreement renewal between the SIUC and the IDNR: Jim Zaczek introduces this item and opens floor for Council discussion.

- Jim reminds the Council that it took 3 years and 1 previous cycle to get approvals to fill the position of Director for the IFDC. Review of the current budget document between SIU and the IDNR indicates that rates for the new budget will be similar. The fringe rate has gone up; also right now at SIU the Director position is classified as an Administrative Professional (AP), but there is some discussion that the position will be re-classified as a Civil Service position. The salary for the Director includes 58.3% fringe rate (insurances; travel, retirement, etc.). Jay H., - notes that this is a 50% position / actual time 18.5 hours per week.
- At the last meeting of the Council; members were encouraged to send their suggestion for changes to the Director-position description to Jim. Paul D. did prepare suggestions on page 3 of the description, which were distributed to the Council for consideration.
- Jim also took this opportunity to inform that Council that as of the end of the fiscal year, he too would be stepping down as SIU liaison, and that Eric Holzmueller, present at the meeting today would be filling that position as of July 1. Jim opens discussion of the SIU / IDNR agreement and the Director Position description to the Council members.
 - Some things in the current contract could be done through direct vouchers through the DNR office. In the last meeting it was requested that this be brought to the attention of the Council and that the members are aware that every 3 years the Director's position and the grant need to be re-negotiated. Paul D., - if the agreement is not approved we do not have the Director position. How is SIU being paid? Jim Z., - we invoice through DNR but the invoice has not been paid yet. It is a case of the State not paying the State. Mike B., - is there a way to prioritize this payment. We have appropriated funding, it is just being paid out. The State has been regularly behind on payments for the past 10 years, however, the Comptroller could be contacted.
- Jim Z., - In consideration of filling the position of IFDC Director, once the agreement is finalized, he would like to bring a second option (Option 2) before the Council. Instead of filling the AP Director Position that will be vacant on July 1, due to Bill Gradle's retirement, the Council could approve that the duties of the Director be filled by an SIU faculty member with compensation for the faculty being equal to 2 months of summer salary. This would alleviate the issues of advertising to hire a new AP Director through SIU; for the 2 months of summer salary the faculty member would work year around as the Director of IFDC, fulfilling all duties as required by the IFDC. Eric Holzmueller, SIU Forestry Professor, present at today's meeting, has indicated his willingness to serve in this capacity. Jim Z. notes that there could be other options as well, and opens discussion to the members.

- Tom G., notes that this was the way it was done in the 90's. This is not a bad idea, and it is not a new idea. The IFA just went to that structure; the position there is being filled by a young man at U of I and we pay to reimburse ½ his salary for ½ time appointment. It is working out very well.
- Jim Z., Option 2 would be 51% of the agreement allotment; this would include salary and fringe. To hire someone for the Director position (Option 1) will take approximately 6 months. Elliot L. – poses the question, is anyone interested in filling the position of Director.
- Jay H., - U of I may be able to hire an academic professional with leeway between the two positions to be able to lobby. The IFDC does not want to be a lobbying organization. Paul, - we lobby without lobbying.
- Hiring Eric as outlined in Option 2 would alleviate funding problems. If Eric would be chosen to serve as Director then he would not be able to serve as SIU liaison. In that case, Karla Gage, who is now on the Council as a Timber Grower, has indicated that she would like to serve as the SIU liaison. Paul D., - would there need to be a nomination committee for the position of IFDC Chair? Jim Z has been serving as both the SIU liaison and Chair for many years.
- Both Jim and Bill will finish in their positions to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2019. The Chair can be anyone; it is an unpaid position and is typically selected from the IFDC membership. Duties of the Chair were to assist the Director with bimonthly meetings, etc. Jim Z., indicates that as Chair he did not vote on Motions before the Council, but that was a personal decision.
- Lydia S., - Should the Council decide on appointing someone as acting/temporary Chair today?

MOTION: Lydia Scott makes Motion that the Council members vote on a temporary Chair for the July 2019 meeting of the IFDC. Jim Z calls for discussion on Motion before the Council.

- In the interim the Council will have a chance to review both of the Options for filling the position of IFDC Director which are on the table and, will have time to submit their own option for consideration at the next meeting. Members could also submit names for consideration of the Council for the position of permanent Chair and Vice Chair. To whom should these names be sent? Once the temporary Chair is appointed; they should be sent to that person.
- Jim calls for any further discussion. None noted. Jay Hayek seconds the Motion. Motion carries.
- Tom G., does anyone want to serve as temporary Chair; Joe Fitzsimmons offers to serve in the position of temporary Chair of the IFDC.

MOTION: Lydia Scott makes a Motion that the Council approve Joe Fitzsimmons as acting/temporary Chair of the IFDC. Ray Herman seconds the Motion. No further discussion. Motion carries.

- Joe provides the Council members with his email address fitzsimmonslawoffice@gmail.com.
- Jim thanks Bill Gradle for his service to the Illinois Forestry Development Council, wishing him the best, all members concur.

AGENDA ITEM

IDNR REPORT – This report is provided by Tom Gargrave, Acting State Forester.

- Work continues on Timber harvest permits, looking at a target of having ready for the upcoming legislative session; adding details to the Timber Buyers Act. Issues remain on how to structure program to benefit landowners and the resource. By doing this we can get landowners

information on their resources so they can make intelligent decisions about logging. The other side of having the permit would be to allow us to know how the resources are leaving the State. Council members discuss the timber harvest permits.

- Will there be add-rule changes? Paul D., no, if this get approved the law will actually change. We are trying to catch bad loggers and get them out of the mix. Stan C., how will a timber permit do that? Paul D., it will tighten definitions so cases do not have all the loopholes that criminal loggers can use. The permit will allow the Department to know that the resource is being harvested properly. The landowner will need a permit as well; a buyer can't make an offer if the landowner does not have a permit. The buyer does need to provide a report on the harvest, and we would also like to see categories for board feet and species be included on the 4% report. What will the fee be for this permit? Tom G., - We want to require the permit, the point is not the fee.
- Eric H., has anyone surveyed the landowners to see if they want to do a permit? Tom G., - the point of having the permit is to monitor the resources going out. Joe F., - so, I am going to get a statement of what my timber is worth? Stan C., - aren't growers doing this already with the resources they have. Stan continues, here is the problem I have with the State requiring permits. The State wants you to buy a permit, then the State can have a soil scientist, wildlife biologist to review your property and then they can tell you that you can't sell or cut your trees for one reason or another. Tom G., to Stan, as a landowner if you have a better solution then I am here to hear it. Stan C. – honestly fearful of where this permit could go. Paul D., - bottom line is we need to protect our resources.
- Tom G., we could send out surveys, but response to surveys is voluntary so it is difficult to know that we are getting good overall landowner response. Logistically enforcement of permits will need to go through State law enforcement. Why shouldn't that go on the shoulders of both the buyer and the seller. Having a permit in theory, is non-deniable. Stan would like to be in on this process. Tom G., - send your ideas to Paul. Change is inevitable, how things change is still being discussed.
- Tom reports on personnel. Noting he is still serving as Acting State Forester.
 - DNR is seeing some attrition do to retirements. Have a range of open staff positions and are hoping to fill some by the fall.
 - Dave Allen's position has been filled by Jenny Lesko; Fairfield is now open.
 - Pleased that Mike Brunk will be filling the Urban Forestry Manager position.
 - Looking at the IDNR organizational chart, there are no anticipated changes, but he has been asked to go through the open positions and make suggestions on positions that could be cut or realigned.
 - Some of our District Foresters will not be able to give as much service to landowners as in the past.
- Continuing to work with the Shawnee and Oak Restoration/ Forest Health. There will be a Division meeting next week. Don't see a budget increase - not sure about a cut.
- Tom reports that on May 15th Dicamba surveys will begin.
 - Lauren L. – re Dicamba, USEPA labels are approved; Illinois set a cutoff date of June 30th for applications.
 - There is already discussion that the June date is going to be problematic. DNR has authority over that. This is a big issue, and this growing season is going to be very interesting. Lauren – Illinois was #1 in the Nation for complaints of Dicamba damage. If you think there is Dicamba damage; it should be reported. There is just not enough data on file yet. Lauren would like the DNR to keep the FB up to date on the Dicamba damage that is being reported as is appropriate. Tom G., - data collected goes into a database, just

not sure where it goes from there. Lauren – we have asked of information and are being patient, but have not received any reports yet.

- Jim asks if there are any further questions for Tom regarding the IDNR report. He thanks Tom for his report and moves to next Agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM:

Urban Committee Report: by Rob Sproule.

- Rob reports that the Urban Committee (UC) did not meet due to scheduling conflicts. The UC members are trying to reschedule for later this month
- Thanks to Rob for this update and the Council will look forward to his next report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jacob Stuckey wants to let the Council know that the Illinois Finance Authority is here to help. They are not a granting agency, however they can help lower costs. And, they would like to see where they can help. If the Council would want to see a presentation of what the IL Finance Authority can do, that could be arranged.
 - Paul D., - how about capital expenditures for mills/forest products industries. Jacob – that could be something that the IL Finance Authority could help with. We have tools to help those types of issues.
- Ray H. would like to see a copy of the Action Plan as a part of the IFDC minutes or as an attachment to the minutes.
- The IFDC has previously funded the printing of 5000 copies of informative brochures on management of invasive species and planting and restoration guidelines for \$7,500. If money is remaining in the IFDC budget, could some that money be made available for reprint of these publications. These could be ready for reprinting immediately.
- Question for Jim Z about the amount remaining of the \$118, 500 IFDC budget; what happens to that. Remaining funds goes back into the Forestry budget. Is there a Motion to allow \$7,500 from the IFDC current budget to print 5000 more copies of the various publications previously noted?

MOTION: Lydia Scott makes a Motion that the IFDC provides funding for the printing of 5000 copies of various informational brochures, as noted with the stipulation that the money for the printing comes from this fiscal year's budget and is completed before the end of the fiscal year. Motion seconded by Ray Herman. No further discussion. Motion carries.

MOTION to ADJOURN: Elliot Lagacy makes Motion to adjourn; Roy Bailey seconds the motion. Motion carries.

The May 8, 2019 meeting of the Illinois Forestry Development Council is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting of the IFDC will be Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at the NRCS offices in Champaign, IL. Wade C. will make arrangements for a room at the NRCS.