

Illinois Forestry Development Council – Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

Location: NRCS – Conference Room, Effingham Field office, Effingham, IL

Attendees: Eric Holzmueller (Director-IFDC), Paul Deizman (IL DNR-Forestry), Tom Gargrave (IDNR), (SIU), Roy Bailey (Tree Farmer, Forestry Tech), Jay Hayek (IFDC-Chair, UofI), Lisa Helmig (USDA), Chris Whittom (IDNR), Dave Gillespie (SAF), Wade Conn (NRCS), Elliot Lagacy (IDOA), Dale Shumaker, Steve Hosselton (IFB), Karla Gage (Landowner/SIU), Jenny Lesko (IDNR), Mike Brunk (Gov. Appointee), By Phone: Jacob Stuckey (Illinois Finance Authority); Rob Sproule (IAA); Lydia Scott (Enviro Rep), Kim Watson, and Patti Cludray-IFDC Secretary (SIUC).

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m. – Jay Hayek, IFDC Chair welcomed members, and guests. Calls for a moment of silence in remembrance of the day, September 11th 2001.

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes of the July 10, 2019 – Meeting Agenda and Minutes of July 10, 2019 meeting of the IFDC were presented to members by IFDC Secretary, Patti Cludray.

- Council is given time to review the minutes. Jay H. asks if there are any additions or corrections to the July meeting minutes.

MOTION: Elliot Lagacy makes a motion to approve minutes as written; motion is seconded by Wade Conn; Motion carries. *Note: Patti made correction to spelling of Steve Hosselton's name (misspelled Hosselman)*

AGENDA ITEM: Update on the Executive Director/Agreement renewal between SIUC and the IDNR; Eric Holzmueller, Director provides this update.

- Per the direction of the membership of the IFDC, the 3 year term contract between the IDNR and SIU was submitted through SIU for processing. Eric is happy to report that in the last few days, signatures were secured on both sides. At the next meeting of the IFDC Eric will bring a budget statement to the Council on the SIU portion of the contract.

AGENDA ITEM: IFDC Member Update: Eric Holzmueller opens this discussion.

- The Illinois Forestry Development Council contact list was sent out via email to Council members in the week following the July meeting of the IFDC. Request was made for a review of the contact list for errors in contact information, etc. Known vacancies were noted on that list. If members know of other vacant positions, please let Eric know.
- Steve Hosselton, present today, is acknowledged as a new member representing the Illinois Farm Bureau. Steve indicates that he has not received formal appointment notification as of this meeting.
 - Tom G, has made inquiries as where the official appointment is in the system, without a clear answer. Karla G., notes that before her appointment to the Council was made official it took the completion of 2 applications and the appointment was not confirmed for quite a long time.
 - It is hoped that under the new administration, that the appointment process will go more quickly.
- Karla Gage, indicates that she is officially resigning from her position on the Council, as of this meeting, noting that there are a number of reasons why she feels her appointment is no longer appropriate since she is both a landowner and from SIU yet not representing SIU. In addition, her ongoing research and teaching at SIU often makes it difficult for her to attend Council meetings

regularly. Council members indicate understanding of Karla's decision to resign, thanking her for her service to the Council.

- Mike Brunk, still listed as the Urban representative to the Council, has stepped away from that appointment due to his new designation as Governor's appointee.
 - Jay H. suggests that the Council consider persons who may be good candidates to fill the Urban, and other vacancies, and submit names to Eric, or perhaps Rob Sproul for the Urban Forestry vacancy.
 - Mike B., will talk with Rob and Lydia regarding someone he thinks would be a good replacement as Urban Forestry representative; that way this fill could happen rather quickly.
- House Minority Leader, Patrick Windhorst, has been contacted and has indicated he is excited to serve on the Council.
- Eric indicates that Jason Barrikman was unable to attend today, due to other 09/11 commitments, but is very interested and supportive of Council activities and has, on numerous occasions sent interns to attend meetings on his behalf. He will make plans to attend in the future.
- 07/29 - Speaker of the House has named Representative Nathan Reitz as his appointee to the Council.
- Eric H., the Governor can also make an appointment but at this time he is not aware of any action.
- Jay H., does the Council need to take any action regarding Brenden Cain's appointment? No, Lisa Helmig will be filling that role until the end of the year; Brenden should be back in January.
- Eric H., calls for any other thoughts on Council membership. Jay H., notes that it is exciting to have 3 members of the Illinois General Assembly represented on the Council; this is a good sign.
- There is no further discussion noted on this Agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM: Illinois Forestry Development Council Website Update. This update provided by Jay Hayek. Website has been updated. Names added, and all members, appointments are up to date. All previous minutes have been added to the website as well as the latest IFDC Report to the General Assembly. IFDC has been billed \$458 for website upkeep / maintenance. Please let Jay know if there is

- Eric H. asks if there any questions for Jay, regarding the website. None noted, there is no further discussion on this Agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM: Illinois Forestry Development Council Committees: Discussion led by Jay Hayek.

- There are currently two IFDC Standing Committees: Urban Forestry Committee (meets regularly) and, Forest Stewardship Committee (Forest Legacy)
 - Paul and Chris have been tasked with this endeavor. It is noted that Forest Legacy only meets when there is a need (has not met since 2012)
- A list of items for consideration of the Council was passed around; should the IFDC form a committee to review any of these items. Wade C., - notes, the Council has always had the ability to appoint Ad-Hoc committees as needed.
- Governor just passed Timber Tax legislation; question is raised, should there be an IFDC committee to study how this tax will negatively or positively impact forest industries here in Illinois? A bigger question may be should the IFDC have a committee to review / examine bills that are put before the IL General Assembly? Tom G., believes it is prudent that the Council to be aware that there was no malice behind the IFDC not being involved.
- Council members discuss and agree that it would be a good idea for the IFDC to be more aware of bills going before the General Assembly. It is noted that everyone here today represents a group which can watch what is going on in the Legislature. It is noted if the Council is aware in advance of what is going forward then we, as a Council, can be more pro-active; advocacy is great, and there may be times when the Council should step in.

- Dave G. – It is good that the General Assembly has more representation on the Council, so they can more clearly understand what the Council is all about; and that they know if they have questions there is someone on this Council they can call.
- Rob S. – The Council in the past has had questions about lobbying, concluding that we really can't lobby. When Tom Wilson represented IDNR on the Council, he said that IDNR would inform the Council when concerning/pertinent legislation was before the General Assembly so the IFDC could make Legislators aware of our position.
- Steve H. – A committee sounds like a good idea, staying on top of concerns, etc. Need to watch for duplicity of efforts however. Make sure that our resources are being used in the best manner possible.
- The Farm Bureau (FB) is a good resource/partner that may be able to help the Council stay aware of what is going on in Springfield.
- Question raised, since timing may often be an issue how often does the FB report on legislation? Steve H. – when legislation is in session and going strong the FB is aware of what is going on every week.
- Paul D. – if we do agree to form a committee this committee would need to be made up of members who are connected to sources for legislative information.
- Steve H. – if there is anything that he as the FB rep on the Council and bring forward he will be happy to do so.
 - Wade C., - to Steve, if forestry issues came up would they reach out to the IFDC. Lauren is a good contact at the FB as well. Eric and he can talk with the FB about this issue and disseminate that to the Council at the next meeting.
- Steve H. – F.B. contact / Kevin S. provides the FB with a comprehensive list of Bills affecting AG; Question, can we ask the FB and IDNR to keep the Council posted regularly on Bills moving forward.
- Eric H., - before the next meeting of the IFDC he and Jay will reach out to the FB to discuss this further. This issue will be added as an Agenda item, so we can discuss it further at the November meeting. Jay H. – Moving forward the Council needs to be more pro-active and, not so reactive.
- Lydia – Would like to suggest that a Committee be formed to work on our FAP goals; it seems to make sense to have a committee to work on each of these goals.
 - Council is in agreement that there needs to be a strong focus on reaching these goals. Jay H. – would like to see our small grant program more focused on the FAP goals.
 - Lydia - If needed the Council could make arrangements for other people, outside the council, to serve as advisors on action items. Tricia Bethke would be available to provide expertise on invasive species. Guest speakers could also come in on occasion, to give insights on action items. If the Council is interested Tricia may be available to speak at the next Council meeting.
- Jay H., this is a good idea, if anyone has suggestions for future speakers for the FAP action items, please let Jay know, so they can be contacted and added to the Agenda, if available to speak with the Council during a meeting.
- Jay H., - going back to Bills going through Legislature issue – Was the Forest Products Industry actively involved or asked for input on wrongful cutting? Chris W., - yes, on many occasions; it was found that the original wording was poor, after conference calls and revisits and rewrites it went forward. However, the Bill with language that was passed will probably be vetoed and, it will be changed again, when it comes back up later this fall. IDNR is the middle man in this Bill – that is not going to work well. Hopefully the IDNR will not be required to provide appraisals itself, and will only be required to provide a list of individuals who will do the appraisals. Jay H., - just asked because thought this Bill was dead and here all of a sudden it passed.
- Jay H. – asks for any further discussion at this time on IFDC committees, none noted.

Note: Recorder leaves room to make lunch arrangement.

AGENDA ITEM: Update on the Report from Ancel Glink on the Workmens Comp Request for Proposals Tabled. Stan Curtis unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEM:

Illinois Forest Action Plan Edit update (IFAP): Provided by Paul Diezman and Mike Brunk. Members are given an overview of recent actions.

- Paul D. - The IFAP is moving forward; final edits and tweaks have been made, after the Council had another chance to review. The state reserves the right to make changes.
- Mike Brunk – does see some things that need to be added to the urban section to give more flexibility in grant funding however, the Council can make those changes in-house.
- Council agrees it is time to finish the F A P and move forward..
- From the forest service perspective it may be strengthening have a good neighbor agreement within 10 years. Paul D says this would be an easy edit.
- Lisa H indicates shared stewardship / shared planning is a good thing; especially keeping those lines of communication open.
- Jay Hayek if a master agreement is put in place, the Council should remember this is a living breathing document; small changes can be made as the Council sees fit; of course significant changes would need to be approved.

MOTION: Motion is made that the IFDC give charge to the DNR to make final edits and to move forward with steps for the final the approval of the IFAP by the June 2020 deadline. Dave G. seconds the Motion. Call for discussion, none noted. Motion Carries.

- Jay H. thanks Paul and Mike for their work on finalizing the IFAP.

AGENDA ITEM

Illinois Forestry Development Council Small Grant Program – This discussion is led by IFDC Director, Eric Holzmueeller.

- In the past the Illinois forestry Development Council has given out small grants the question before the Council today is are we still interested in doing that again. Opens topic for discussion.
- What does the Council have for funding of the grants? Of the \$118,500 dollar IFDC Grant budget, half goes to SIU to run the administration of the IFDC this leaves \$55 to 60,000 for small grants.
 - In the past the grants have ran through/been distributed by the IDNR after completion.
 - In the past there has always been a \$5,000 spending limit with a deadline for grant deliverables and with all expenditures turned in by June 30th.
- Wade C .questions do we want to focus this grant funding around the FAP.
 - Paul D. would suggest narrowing the grant program to the seven strategic issues outlined in the action plan.
 - Elliot L notes, that it would seem like a good idea to focus on those items that came out of the IFDC Summit.
- Jay H. –for this grant program do we want to set a cap? Historically we have always set caps
- Paul D. – Now the DNR / State requires everything above \$2000 to go through the bid/buy process. Tom G. -- to counsel suggests that the IFDC may be exempt from the bid/buy process. Since this is already appropriated Council funding we may not be held to the \$2000 rule. Tom indicates that he will check with the DNR on this; we could table the cap amount on grants for now.

MOTION: Paul D makes a motion that the Illinois Forestry Development Council continue the small grant program with a focus on action items from the FAP and deliverables by June 30th 2020, with the grant cap to be determined at a later date. Dave Gillespie seconds the motion. Call for discussion.

- Wade C questions if the motion should be tabled for now? Asking if we pass the motion now are we committing to only action items from the FAP and how do we prepare the RFP without grant amounts if the motion passes.
- Chris W - in his opinion things need to move as far as possible today it would be good if the RFP could go out before the next meeting or be ready to go out by the next meeting. Noting if we wait for the November meeting to vote on this motion to renew the small grant program then the RFP may not go out until December or January. It would be good if these were due to be graded by January meeting. Eric H. - agrees it would be nice to get this sent out as soon as possible; also do we need to form an ad hoc committee for review of RFP.
- In the past we determined as a Council the granted amounts. Do we want to do this again? Should it be 10-\$5000 grants, 5- \$10,000 grants? Do we need to worry about the over \$2,000 bid/buy issue? We also need to determine what we are scoring and ranking against.
- Mike B. In the past grants were scored from 1 to 10 and the Council voted on award recipients. Wade C. Also in the past we did set general priorities as criteria; must be forestry related, etc. We do have the old RFP language to start with and we can add details on rankings with criteria set forth in the action plan.
- Looks like they're still needs to be a decision on Grant amounts. Mike B. There would be more diversity at the \$5,000 level however if you want more emphasis on getting large jobs done the 10,000 would be better. Lydia - what about making the range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 that way it is more open for the grant writer.
- Jay H. - We must be sure that we are requiring a detailed budget in the RFP. When the grant program was in place before when we got down to the last we made sure to choose projects that thick fit the amount of money we had left. Lydia -- We can always ask if they would be willing to accept a lower amount.

Return to MOTION: Eric H – calls for any further discussion or if the Council is ready to vote on the Motion as proposed. Council agrees to vote on motion. No further discussion, Motion carries.

- Jay Hayek and Eric Holzmueller agree to review the old RFP language and update it for presentation to the Council at the next meeting.

12:00 p.m. - MEETING ADJOURNED

- **LUNCH:** The September 2019 meeting of the IFDC is adjourned for lunch. Jimmy John's provided by IFDC.
- **12:45 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

AGENDA ITEM (out of order):

Urban Committee Report: Rob reports that the Urban Committee (UC) did not meet; does not have a report for the meeting. Asks if there are any questions, none noted.

- Thanks to Rob for this update and the Council will look forward to his next report.

AGENDA ITEM: Natural Resources Conservation Service -- Regional Conservation Partnership Program "Improving Oak – Hickory Forests" This discussion led by Eric Holzmueller.

The Oak Hickory RCPP, the RFP came out last week; working on coordinating with partners. There is hope to get the IFDC proposal continued; however, there needs to be a letter in support of the RCPP proposal for that to go forward; working toward oak ecosystem conservation and habitat restoration in regions of Illinois. Open for Council discussion.

- Would it be possible to have an abstract of proposal by December?
- Eric H. -- Regarding the renewal efforts there was \$2 million in the last go-around; funding came from NRCS EQUIP. Funded for specifics it ran like normal; EQUIP leveraged funds (i.e. 2 million with proposal matches) This brings 2 million extra to Illinois
- IFDC is an ideal candidate for renewal at the 2 million base amount. It is a pretty simple process to renew (a draft of a pre-proposal for Renewal was passed out). Wade C. asks can this be tweaked. Chris W., is the pre-proposal for the exact same amount; could costs be added. Paul D. it is a good idea to keep a focused approach. Chris W. Adding collar counties may be a good idea. Wade C - we may be able to add another zone; it was organized originally and set up to help with back load.
- Question raised. Are we going to have to match for program dollars? This can't be thought of as dollar-for-dollar it is leveraged as long as we can double dip for leverage there is no indirect cost but there is an indirect benefit. We may be able to leverage from other divisions as well, not just IDNR.
- Eric H. asks Council is there any real objection to pursuing this renewal? Jay H. adds he think this is a no-brainer, we should do this, and it is in our mission.
 - Paul D. They would they like renewals by September 15 because they are going to make a decision on renewals by the 1st, before new /normal proposals are considered.
- Eric H. - With no objections we will complete the paperwork and get it in by the deadline. Asks if there are any further questions or discussion.
 - We should identify that there is still a backlog to add as justification.
 - This paperwork is just saying we are interested in being considered for renewal; then there will be a request for a full proposal.
 - Re leverage funding, LSR (landscape scale restoration dollars) are coming to Illinois no funds can be used but it can be used as leverage funds but not matching.
- **MOTION:** Wade Conn makes a Motion that Eric Holzmuller be allowed to proceed with the RCPP pre-proposal extension request on behalf of the IFDC. Dave Gillespie seconds the motion. Jay H., calls for further discussion.
 - Should any consideration be given to modifying the whole project; not now, we should have the right to amend later and move forward as directed right now. We need to get the pre-proposal in place for consideration.
- With no further discussion the motion is voted on. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM: IDNR Forest Stewardship Program Report (including Legacy) This discussion led by Chris Whittom. No Legacy properties are being looked at there was no need to meet therefore there is no report. Stewardship, there is no committee and therefore no report at this time.

- Paul to Chris, you as head of stewardship committee can choose members to serve on Stewardship committee. Chris W., asks, does the Council actually see a need for the subcommittees of Legacy or Stewardship? Tom G. - unless we can grow Legacy, there is really no need for a Legacy committee. Paul D. notes that the original charge of this committee was supposed to be to guide the forest stewardship monies; practicing good forestry throughout the state.
- Jay H. asks if there is any further discussion or questions for Chris regarding Stewardship or Legacy, none are noted. Jay thanks Chris for this report.

AGENDA ITEM: IDNR Urban & Community Forestry Report. This report provided by Mike Brunk. A core Grant of \$435,000 was approved in process to work out details of a two-year Proposal with partners, strike team, volunteer arborist. Grant is to cover the cost of offering tree risk qualifications workshops. Additionally working toward bringing back Tree City USA program to the north and southern Illinois region, and partnering with Open Lands, Illinois Arborists Association, and Trees Forever, to

support workshops in the summer and fall. Some feel the need for a website Improvement work; we are working on Publications. Mike thanks Tom for giving him the opportunity to work on improving urban forestry in Illinois.

- Jay H. asks if there are any further questions for Mike.
- Wade C to Mike, is the \$435,000 the total amount forestry is getting. Mike B., not necessarily, sometimes there are LRS Grants added and we're still working with pass-through grants.
- There is no further discussion. Jay H. thanks Mike for this report.

Jay H. notes the IDNR report will now be presented, moving it ahead of the next item on the Agenda.

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

- The 13 District Foresters are providing great service covering the state. Note that Paul D had great ideas on tackling emerald ash borer. Salvage cutting will begin on state lands for ash and state Foresters will work as administrators of the program. Council has questions regarding ash salvage cutting program.
 - Wade C - asks is this limited to Ash. Tom G. - yes as much as possible.
 - Dave G - will this include all state lands? Tom G. - yes for the most part this was Paul's idea. IDNR will continue management on state lands.

Tom G., continues with the IDNR report:

- IDNR is seeking grants for sports management. They are currently involved in DNR strategic planning the Governor is interested and seems to like the buzzword "climate change" so we are looking closely at the need to develop a matrix for measuring this change.
 - Leslie Brandt is the Climate Change Specialist for NIACS and the Forest Service Eastern Region. She coordinates the Central Hardwoods and Urban Forestry *Climate Change* Response Framework projects through the Central headquarters.
- In the near future, \$300,000 in VFA Volunteer Fire Assistant grants should be going out. Fire Crews have had no deployment because it has been so wet in the west, and, nationally the fire threat is staying at 2 or lower.
- State nurseries are doing well with pollinators; providing pollinator mix for not just Illinois but others in National Pollinator Growers program. Would like the Governor to better understand the importance of our state nurseries and will continue to work toward reopening the nursery in southern Illinois.
- DNR has critical staffing needs. Field staff are down 13 from 23; job announcements have gone out. Mark is now on a 75-day contract. Tom Wilson is off contract now but we are working on that. Springfield Illinois staff are short as well. We are in a real crisis 31 people report to Tom no one from there down Tom continues to work on getting key roles filled operational situational global warming director is listening but things are moving slowly. We could use the Council's support to keeping these needs at the forefront; and, Farm Bureau may also be a huge help with DNR staffing issues.
- Would like to see cooperage back in Illinois; the making of whiskey barrels. Currently, there is one man doing this in Illinois and DNR is going to try to connect him with IFA. He is building his barrels from all Illinois lumber. He is currently working with Whiskey Acres; DNR just provided him with downed American Chestnut. It is of note that these will be the first American Chestnut Barrels in America in years.
- Jay H. thanks Tom for providing this report to the Council, asks if there are any questions for Tom, none noted.

AGENDA ITEM: Illinois Forestry Association proposal to the Illinois Forestry Development

Council. This proposal is submitted for the Council's consideration by Tom Gargrave.

The IFA is treading water and needs a shot in the arm. With the IFDC's financial help the IFA could get the gears up and going again. Paul D. adds, this proposal is just in the draft stage, but since the IFA was born from actions of the Council it is hoped the Council will be willing to assist the organization again. IDNR is finding it hard to support broad based efforts in forestry; and, the IFA is largely land owner based. Right now there are about 650 private landowners. Going through our IL landowners is probably the best avenue to get forestry issues out there. If the IFDC can incentivize the IFA to grow through financial assistance; with those monies, the idea is, it will allow the IFA to grow and create affiliate members to grow above 5 million acres represented. This proposal from IFA would secure some of the IFDC budget to stimulate the IFA organization to move forward. The IFA would be willing to make a significant changes to make the organization grow. Council members discuss the proposal.

- Wade C., - are we talking about an annual allotment of monies from the IFDC to the IFA? Tom G., we are thinking of a \$5,000 grant for the next three years to move IFA forward.
- Dave G. – the IFA is already making efforts to get members to renew and that is working, we are now working with U of I extension. The IFA had a good newsletter this year and we working more closely with the forestry communities. Also, the IFA is working out details on an 11 agency forestry agreement, looking at how we are going to address forestry concerns in Illinois. We want to build on that with due respect to the Society of American Foresters. The IFA is non-restricted it can do those things, so we are unique in Illinois.
- The IFA organization is looking toward expansion to do that we need more people to gain more clout brand the organization. IFDC support could help the organization widen an appropriate membership management base.
- Jay H. – That sounds good but if you don't change what you are doing how is that going to happen.
- Wade C. –What benefits are IFA members getting from that membership? Does the IFA have a plan on how to make membership in this organization more appealing? Elliot L. – The question may be, what am I getting for my membership; that is what this is about. The projects that money is used for needs to be marketed every year. In other states, every day, there is something out there on social media, articles, etc. Is the IFA objective to get on social media? There are a lot of organizations where I get something for my money. Dave G—answers, it is hard to tell you what you get for your money. The IFA needs to reinvent themselves and, the IFDC setting a precedent to financially support IFA off the top would help. At the IFDC Summit, all groups had one common recommendation and that was that Illinois have a Forestry Association. Wade C. - What did the groups at the Summit say should be the purpose of this Forestry Association? Dave G -- to show how important forests are in Illinois; making people aware of the importance of Illinois Forests.
- Mike B., - yes there are issues that the IFA needs to address, this is clear. If the IFA wants to submit this proposal to the Council, then DNR Forestry is much in favor of this group moving forward.
- Steve H., - the IFA is relatively young organization, how many other organizations are out there for members to choose from? If you have a number of different options to choose from, how are you going to distinguish yourself as an organization that people want to support?
- Mike B. – The IFA needs to be self-sustaining once it gets going.
- Dave G. -- believes that the council should submit support to the IFA yearly.
- Jay H. – Asks does the IFA want to make a Motion?

MOTION: Tom Gargrave makes a Motion that the IFA should not have to compete in the IFDC small grant program; that, it should be funded through a special line item once the IFA proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Council. There is no 2nd. The council further discusses the Motion

- Jay H. – In allowing this motion, I believe we are opening a Pandora’s Box. The small grant program is proposal based; also the IFA is not going to be working on an FAP action item.
- Mike B. – It must be noted that the Council has taken on proposals and grants; before and not all have been or have to be in the competitive Grant process. Paul D. – Agrees we have a long history of voting on and giving money out. In fact in the SAP wasn’t one outreach to be to reach out to landowners from IFA?
- Council continues to discuss this Motion with no second. Tom G withdraws his motion at this time.

AGENDA ITEM: Other Business New or Old: Group

- Karla G – is very concerned about herbicide injury; she is seeing a dramatic link between herbicide injury and other stressors. There’s no real way to set up large range study on Oak. A little drift work is being studied at FIU and some at Missouri. Tom G. – Is the damage thought to be from 24D or Dicamba? Karla G - Indications are that it is both. The University of Tennessee research show that Dicamba volatilizes after days of application; unfortunately, there are more questions than answers. Polymax Glyphosate is 3 - 9 times more volatile when applied with Dicamba. Some things that producers are being told are muddling the issues, so, not everyone is doing everything correctly. Landowners are required to turn in reports
- Tom G. indicates that last week he met with the AG Director; AG is adopting a “let’s wait and see” attitude; everyone else was of the mind of “let’s take care of this problem now.” However, they extended Dicamba use by 15 days. It is Tom’s understanding that a report will be sent out with findings. We can’t predict what effect this is going to cause down the line.
- Wade C. Even on label the instructions are not clear and that’s causing problems.
- Paul D., asks, do you think the data will draw any conclusions? Karla G., - we are not sure the data will sway manufacturers at all.
- Jay H. asks if there is any other old or new business.
- Paul D reminds members travel rules have changed. Now there’s a cap for non-state employees. It is now a flat rate of \$32 for non-state employees.

MOTION to ADJOURN: Wade Conn makes Motion to adjourn; Elliot Lagacy seconds the motion. Jay asks for any further discussion, none noted. Motion carries.

The September 11, 2019 meeting of the Illinois Forestry Development Council is adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the IFDC will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019, in Carbondale, IL, place to be determined.