

Randolph Forest Commission

Minutes

Date: February 6, 2019
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brockett, Mark Kelley
Alternate Members: David Willcox
Others Present: Dave DeGruttola/LandVest, Dave Falkenham/LandVest, John Lanier, DTW

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM and appointed David Willcox to sit as an alternate for Jeff Parker.

- I. Minutes from the December 2018 and January 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved.
- II. Invoices for the month included:
 - a. American Forest Foundation - American Tree Farm System Grandfathered Certification Program Annual Fees - \$205.58 based on a \$0.02/acre charge on 10,279 acres.
- III. Income - A check for 11,085.96 from LandVest representing gross stumpage for recent harvesting activities on the RCF from December 17, 2018 to January 11, 2019. This represents 630 Cords, of which 530 were pulp, with the remaining being saw logs, veneer logs and pallet logs.
- IV. Dave DeGruttola reported that harvesting conditions are currently ideal, with the exception of some equipment failures. In marking the current cutting area, there was an area noted, outside the current compartment, which is obviously appropriate for some harvest work. Most is maple with some damage dating back to 1998's ice storm. Since this area is not intended to be cut in the next 15 years, it's recommended by LandVest, that this area be cut during this harvest season. The RFC agreed with the recommendation and approved the annexing of this section in this harvest.
- V. John Lanier, representing Dirt to Trees to Wildlife (DTW) attended to discuss how his program will rollout in the Randolph Community Forest. The intent is that this will eventually be used to determine possibilities for wildlife habitat work in every compartment within the boundaries of the RCF. The process will begin and he will work with LandVest to coordinate these activities. DTW is based on determining the soil types in the forest, which determines the types of trees that grow in that area. From there, certain types of wildlife are supported by various tree specie. This also helps in considering where wildlife openings should be established.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.