

NC SFI SIC MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
NCFA Office - Raleigh, NC – August 16, 2017

CONVENE NC SFI SIC MEETING AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Chair Bernard Rose, called the NC SFI SIC meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Members present for all or part of the meeting were:

Mike Adams	Ron Heatherly	Amy Phillips
Jadie Andrews	Kiley Hinson	Bob Phippen
Sam Cook	Lee Jackson	Jim Pruett
Brian Council	Gail Johnson	Will Reese
Chuck Daniels	Jaime Lipscomb	Bernard Rose
Tony Doster	Rand Mathews	Scott Smearman
Jim Durham	Leslie McCormick	Jaime Teel
Tom Gerow	Kevin McCormack	Wesley West
Brett Goulding	Roger Melvin	
	Russ Newton	

Others present for all or part of the meeting were:

Chris Brown	Alton Perry
Pryor Gibson	
Amy Juliana	

ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Bernard Rose reminded members that the meeting would be in full compliance with the NCFA's policy on antitrust compliance contained in the meeting materials.

RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION OF QUORUM

Bernard Rose declared that a quorum was present at the meeting and that the meeting would proceed as planned.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Bernard Rose asked members to review the minutes from the last meeting. On a motion by Jaime Teel to approve and seconded by Amy Phillips, the minutes were approved as submitted.

NC SFI SIC TREASURER'S REPORT

Bernard Rose provided the Treasurer's Report due to the absence of Treasurer Glenn Sheehan, who had provided the documents in advance of the meeting. Rose noted that while the checking account shows a balance of over \$203,000, there are outstanding grants to be paid out that total close to \$100,000. By the end of the year, the committee will have a flat budget. There is a chance that the grants might take up a small portion of the committee's surplus, but not by much. There was a question about the timing of invoices and when organizations can request funding. For the most part, funding is available as soon as January 1 of the grant year. Rose noted that the NCFA requests funding after the conclusion of some of its bigger projects that typically take place in the third quarter. This allows the NC SFI committee to collect the majority of its dues revenue before paying out significant portions of its grant requests. The following financial documents were provided to the committee.

NC SIC 2017 Budget Update

	As of 11-2-16			%	As of 8-10-17		% of Budget
	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2016 Estimate		2017 Budget	2017 Actual	
SIC Dues	\$145,600.00	\$157,191.80			\$146,463.21	\$ 145,517.21	99.30%
Interest	\$450.00	\$624.83			\$500.00	\$ 580.20	116.04%
Total	\$146,050.00	\$157,816.63	\$0.00		\$146,963.21	\$ 146,097.41	
Administrative							
NCFA	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00			\$21,000.00		
Misc Exp	\$250.00	\$205.30			\$250.00	\$60.77	24%
Travel	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	\$ 797.42	40%
Total	\$23,250.00	\$23,205.30	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$23,250.00	\$858.19	
Landowner Outreach							
Landowner Guide	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Tree Farm	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Misc. Landowner Outreach	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00		
Total	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$2,000.00		
Training and Education							
Sustainable Teachers Academy	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			\$40,000.00		
Forestry & Environmental Camps	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		
Goods from the Woods boxes	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		
Total	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$60,000.00		
Information Resources							
Promote SFI at NC Legislation	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Certification Workshops	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Purchase 1 Display/Materials	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$350.00			\$0.00		
SFI Certification at Universities	\$0.00				\$0.00		
NC SIC Website	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00		
Teachers Tour	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Forestry Camp	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Total	\$1,000.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$1,000.00		
Market Outreach							
Full Page Ad in The State (Oct.2017) Issue					\$8,565.00	\$ 3,657.50	43%
NC SIC Booths	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	100%
Purchase Displays/Materials	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00		
Customer Communication	\$1,250.00				\$1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	100%
Recruitment	\$0.00				\$0.00		
NC Ag Magazine					\$3,305.00	\$ 3,305.00	100%
Total	\$4,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$16,120.00	\$ 9,712.50	
Grants Approved							
Wake SWCD - Keeping the Farm Workshop	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00					
Wake SWCD - Forest & Wildlife Enhancement Initiative					\$2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	100%
National Wild Turkey Federation	\$1,000.00						
Solutions from the Land - NC Ag&Forestry Adapt Smt	\$5,000.00						
FECF - Pro-Logger Video	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00			\$8,000.00		
FECF - Ask Roy					\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	100%
FECF - T-Shirts for Forestry & Environmental Camps					\$2,000.00		
FECF, CLS, SLTC - NC OSH Training					\$3,200.00		
NC Tree Farm - Landowner Workshops/Annual Mtg	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00			\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	100%
NC Tree Farm - Re-Inspection of Tree Farms	\$13,450.00	\$13,450.00			\$13,750.00	\$ 13,750.00	100%
NC Tree Farm - New Members Welcome Pkg	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00					
NC Tree Farm - Forest Summit					\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	100%
NCSU - FEOP Forester Boot Camp	\$5,791.00						
NCSU - Project Learning Tree Facilitator Training					\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	100%
REDI - Roanoke Econ Dev - African American Land Retention					\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	100%
Henderson County SWCD - Landowner Outreach/Training					\$500.00	\$ 500.00	100%
Total	\$48,441.00	\$35,400.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$57,850.00	\$ 44,650.00	
Inconsistent Practices							
Monitor / Phone Lines / Reporting	\$3,000.00	\$1,569.00			\$3,000.00	\$ 1,387.07	46%
Reporting	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Consultants	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00		
Total	\$6,000.00	\$1,569.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$6,000.00	\$ 1,387.07	
Total Expenses	\$144,941.00	\$120,524.30	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$166,220.00	\$ 56,607.76	34%
Current NC SIC Checking Account Balance	\$203,628.13						

NCSIC Checking Account 2017									
									Check Number
12/30/2016	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest		\$48.21	113,328.50		Bal. Dec.31, 2016	
1/19/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$946.00	114,274.50			
1/23/2017	Journal Communications	SFI Ad NC Ag Magazine	Landowner/Market Outreach	\$3,305.00		110,969.50			1581
1/23/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill Jan.2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.37		110,950.13			
1/26/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$6,233.00	117,183.13			
1/30/2017	NC State University	NCPLT Facilitator Training	2017 Grant	\$3,000.00		114,183.13			1582
1/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest		\$48.84	114,231.97		Bal. Jan. 2017	
2/3/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$6,981.51	121,213.48			
2/9/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$28,019.23	149,232.71			
2/21/2017	Wake Soil & Water Conservation District	2017 Forest & Wildlife Grant	2017 Grant	\$2,400.00		146,832.71			1583
2/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill Feb.2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.72		146,812.99			
2/23/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$6,946.55	153,759.54			
2/28/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest		\$54.76	153,814.30		Bal. Feb. 2017	
3/2/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$17,732.09	171,546.39			
3/16/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$30,385.00	201,931.39			
3/23/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$28,047.00	229,978.39			
3/23/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill March 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$18.68		229,959.71			
3/30/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$2,015.78	231,975.49			
3/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest		\$82.79	232,058.28		Bal. March 2017	
4/5/2017	Roanoke Economic Development Inc.	2017 Sustaining Fty.& African American LR Plan	2017 Grant	\$5,000.00		227,058.28			1584
4/5/2017	NC Tree Farm Program	2017 Re-inspection of Tree Farms	2017 Grant	\$13,750.00		213,308.28			1585
4/5/2017	NC Tree Farm Program	Landowner Ed. Workshops	2017 Grant	\$10,000.00		203,308.28			1585
4/5/2017	NC Tree Farm Program	Forest Landowner Outreach Summit	2017 Grant	\$5,000.00		198,308.28			1585
4/5/2017	Steve Cox	IPM Monitor 1st Quarter 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$625.00		197,683.28			1586
4/12/2017	Forest Education and Conservation Foundation (NCFA)	Ask Roy Video Production	2017 Grant	\$5,000.00		192,683.28			1587
4/20/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$2,777.89	195,461.17			
4/21/2017	Henderson County SWCD	Keep it in the Family-Your Forest & Farm Workshop	2017 Grant	\$500.00		194,961.17			1588
4/24/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill April 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.41		194,941.76			
4/28/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest		\$87.91	195,029.67		Bal. April 2017	
5/5/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$ 2,495.00	197,524.67			
5/18/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$ 3,941.00	201,465.67			
5/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill May 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$20.62		201,445.05			
5/31/2017	Deposit	Interest Earned	Interest		\$ 84.51	201,529.56		Bal. May 2017	
6/8/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$ 3,993.00	205,522.56			
6/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill June 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 19.54		205,503.02			
6/22/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$ 3,235.71	208,738.73			
6/29/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$ 604.19	209,342.92			
6/30/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest		\$ 84.51	209,427.43		Bal. June 2017	
7/10/2017	Steve Cox	IPM Monitor 2nd Quarter 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 625.00		208,802.43			1589
7/13/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues		\$ 1,164.26	209,966.69			
7/17/2017	Our State (Partial Pmt.)	Full Page Ad in Oct. 2017 Issue	Landowner/Market Outreach	\$ 4,907.50		205,059.19			1590
7/17/2017	WoodWorks -Wood Products Council	NCSIC-Exhibit Space Nov.2 Wood Solutions Fair	Market Outreach	\$ 1,500.00		203,559.19			1591
7/25/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill July 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 19.73		203,539.46			
7/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest		\$ 88.67	203,628.13		Chk.1591 outstanding	

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2017 North Carolina General Assembly session was noteworthy, and rather unusual, since it ended before the July 4th holiday. It marks the first time in recent history where the state actually started the fiscal year with a budget in place. The House and Senate enjoyed Republican super-majorities and worked closely on shared goals on the budget and other important issues. While Governor Roy Cooper had several disagreements with the legislature, there was not much he could do procedurally to stop the budget and/or legislation from moving forward.

The forest products industry monitored about 50 legislative proposals during the session. The NCFCA sought to engage its membership almost daily in support or opposition to pending legislation.

Interestingly, several bills emerged in that were detrimental to forestry and the forest products industry. The best examples were the efforts to dismantle the Forester Registration Board and House Bill 80. The NCFCA and partners successfully reinstated the Forester Board back into the list of 33 boards that were to stay active early in the session only to see the bill get dumped and replaced with a bill that repealed North Carolina's rather infamous bathroom law. Since no further action took place on license board reform, the Forester Registration Board is still alive and well. House Bill 80 grew out of a landowner dispute over property lines. Without going deep into detail, the provisions in the bill would have been extremely cost prohibitive for landowners in addition to being a threat to their private property rights. The bill successfully stalled in committee. The NCFCA actually will be addressing property lines and map reading as part of Module 18 in an effort to prevent further disagreements between landowners that might find their way to one of the two legislative chambers.

The NCFCA also participated in important legislation regarding workers compensation insurance in House Bill 26 - Workers Compensation/Approval of Disputed Legal Fees. This bill provides clarity and predictability for insurance providers when dealing with workers compensation claims in light of a June 2017 court ruling by the North Carolina Supreme Court. In the case, Wilkes v. City of Greenville, the North Carolina Supreme Court affirmed a lower court's decision that a plaintiff was entitled to additional treatment for injuries not originally documented in the initial claim. This ruling essentially expanded liability for defendants in a case to include all immediate and subsequent medical treatment for injuries once a claim is admitted as "compensable" in official paperwork - forms 60 or 63 - even if the specific medical condition is not listed on the form originally.

In terms of budget items, the North Carolina Forest Service received funds for equipment to combat wildfires that was requested. The Mountain Island Education Center received funding of 3.1 million. Also of note, the long-time 1% sales tax with an \$80 cap on manufacturing equipment was eliminated so there now is no sale tax on the purchase of manufacturing equipment.

The top issue for the North Carolina General Assembly this fall surely will be redistricting – drawing new maps for the coming elections. The NCFCA will continue to monitor these proceedings as well as any other matters that may come up before the General Assembly officially begins the 2018 session.

SFI UPDATE

- **Sustainable Forestry Project** – Alton Perry provided an update on the Enviro Kids Program that the NC SFI Committee supported. Perry thanked the SFI Committee and Enviva for their support in funding reliable transportation during the camp. Participants went to Swansboro, Lake Waccamaw, and North Carolina State University to gain a better understanding of the nature. Perry also updated the committee on a Youth Summit project that is being sponsored by North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina State University, Black Family Land Trust, and several other partner organizations. The goal is to have a program in 2018 where students are brought together and exposed to all different types of agriculture paths that could provide an opportunity in the future. Perry and partners held a meeting with a sample group of 15 students and parents to glean what would be the best date, time and venue for the event. Perry stated that they did not have a date or more concrete details on the Youth Summit, but he would welcome the participation from members on the committee. Perry informed the committee on a special meeting that will take place on September 14, 2017 where SFI National, USDA, and NRCS representatives will be meeting in the northwest quadrant of North Carolina to talk about initiatives in the future as part of a national grant. The projects will focus on forestry events to take place in 2018 and 2019 in the region.

- **New Member Update** - Chair Bernard Rose provided an update on committee membership. He reminded the committee that it lost three sawmills last year – H.W. Culp Lumber Company, Edwards Wood Products, and Jordan Lumber & Supply are no longer participating in the SFI program. On the plus side, the committee gained members with J.W. Jones Lumber Company and Toney Lumber Company, Franklin Lumber Company (Franklin VA), and Pine Products (Martinsville, VA) have joined or are in the process of joining the committee.

- **2017 Grant Updates** - The NCFA's Amy Juliana provided an update on the NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camps and the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience (SFTE). The NCFA conducted a camp in Greensboro in April that hosted 175 students. The remaining camps for the year include Lake Norman, Wilmington and Raleigh. The SFTE welcomed 100 participants in the New Bern, Asheville and Southern Pines locations. Juliana thanked the NC SFI Committee and NCFA members for their support of the program through hosting tours, sponsoring lunches, and or programs. She thanked Amy Phillips, Chuck Daniels and Scott Smearman for volunteering to teach the certification segment. Juliana also shared some pre and post survey results that demonstrate the effectiveness of the week long experience. Do you think forestry is practiced sustainably? Pre-experience is was low 40% and post-experience was high 90%. Do confident about teaching forestry? Pre-experience was low 20% to high 80%. Anecdotally, the teachers were impressed with the passion and efficiency of the forest products industry. They appreciated the opportunity to learn more in a nice professional development program. In terms of budget, the SFTE was executed under budget. Juliana stressed the program needs to raise its profile among teaching professionals – both traditional and non-traditional. In terms of improvements, Juliana indicated the registration deadline would be pushed back so teachers have a better idea of their schedule before making a commitment to the program. The program set a new attendance record, but was still witnessed several last minute cancellations. Committee member Scott Smearman complimented Amy Juliana on a job well-done with the SFTE's.

The NCFA's Chris Brown updated the committee on the OSHNC Training that took place in the first week of August. A collection of 39 North Carolina OSH compliance officers and consultants from across the state met at Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center in Four Oaks to gain a better understanding of the logging profession and the forest products industry. The weeklong program stressed hands-on demonstrations on the safety challenges loggers face on a daily basis. The goal is to equip the OSH compliance officers with a better understanding of the forest products industry and some insights on what they should be looking for when they inspect a logging operation. Forestry Mutual's Bryan Wagner led the training. This year's session marked a revival of the officer training partnership that once existed between the North Carolina Forestry Association, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company, Carolina Loggers Association and the North Carolina Department of Labor. The training started back in the late 1990's and continued until 2010 when budget cuts forced the program into hibernation. Thankfully, the program was revived this year in the Department of Labor's budget and was supported further by a grant from the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee. It is hoped the program will continue as an annual or biannual training session into the future. The NCFA would like to extend special thanks to the our hosts - the staff at Howell Woods Environmental Center, including Jordan Astoskie, Meredith Massengill, Mike Rose, and Matt Morris - for their hospitality for the week.

- **Dues Update** – Chair Bernard Rose led a brief discussion on the dues. After discussing with the NC SFI Committee Leadership, Rose proposed leaving the current dues structure in place. He noted that while the North Carolina Committee has been traditionally higher than other states, he has noticed some neighboring states starting to increase their dues. The dues structure is .014 for landowners and .0675 for consumption members. Rose stressed that each committee member should do a better job with the dues ask within each company so the dues are collected in a timely fashion. The committee voted unanimously to keep the dues at the current rate.

- **2018 Grant Review** – The NC SFI Grant Subcommittee meet in July to consider all submitted grants for 2018. Amy Phillips with Weyerhaeuser directed the grant process in her role as the committee's vice chair. The committee unanimously approved the grant recommendations and the following projects will be funded in 2018 on a motion by Sam Cook and a second by Bob Pippen.

Roanoke Electronic – \$10,000 Point Person (Sam Cook)
 App State University – \$5,000 Point Person (Tony Doster)
 Enviro Kid Camp – \$15,000 Point Person (Brett Goulding)
 FECF – Wildlife Station \$4,000 Point Person (Amy Phillips)
 FECF – ProLogger \$7,500 Point Person (Jadie Andrews)
 NC Tree Farm - \$13,750 Point Person (Leslie McCormick)
 NC Tree Farm - \$7,500 Point Person (Scott Smearman)

2018 Grants					
Organization	Project	Requested	Granted	NC SFI SIC Requirements	Point Person
Roanoke Economic Dev. Inc. (REDI)	Sustaining Forestry & African American Land Retention Program - Youth STEAM Summit	\$12,170.00	\$10,000.00	Report results to SIC - Opportunity for SFI Representation	
Appalachian State University	SFI Certification & Carbon Markets: Opportunities for NC Forests	\$12,600.00	\$5,000.00	Report results to SIC at August 2018 meeting	
ILASS	Community Forestry Education	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	Report results to SIC - Opportunity for SFI Representation	
FECF	Wildlife Station	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Credit to SFI SIC somewhere on display	
FECF	ProLogger Training Module 18 - Soil Productivity & Reforestation	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00		
NC Tree Farm	Re-Inspection of Tree Farms	\$13,750.00	\$13,750.00	Report results to SIC	
NC Tree Farm	Forest Landowner Outreach Summit Part 2	\$9,360.00	\$7,500.00	Report results to SIC	
		\$79,380.00	\$62,750.00		
Moved to NC SFI SIC Budget Line Items - Not Grants					
NCFA - Goods from the Woods		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
NCFA - Forestry & Environmental Camps		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
NCFA - Teachers Academies		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00		
		\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00		
Total Grants + NCFA Budget Line Item Projects (Not Admin)		\$139,380.00	\$122,750.00		
In attendance on 07/19/2017					
Rand Mathews					
Jim Durham					
Amy Phillips					
Tony Doster					
Bernard Rose					
Bryan Hulka submitted comments					

The NC SFI also approved direct line item funding for the NCFA's top education initiatives, including \$10,000 for the production of Goods from the Woods Boxes, \$10,000 for the Forest & Environmental Camps, and \$40,000 for the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience. Chair Bernard Rose noted that when some companies left the SFI program they pledged to continue their support of the SFTE through the NCFA's Public Education Initiative. Rose stated that the agreement on the SFTE is to be 50 percent partner, meaning if the NCFA is to receive more funds towards the SFTE through PEI, budgets may be adjusted in the future if warranted. All totaled, the NC SFI will award \$122,750 this year in grants. This marks a high-water mark for the grant program and demonstrates the SFI program's commitment to sustainable forestry and forestry education.

- **NC SFI Officers / Committee Chairs** – Chair Bernard Rose stated that the committee would look to refresh its officers and committee chairs at the next meeting in November.

FORESTRY ISSUES UPDATE

Tom Gerow with the North Carolina Forest Service provided an update for the committee. Gerow announced the upcoming Bottomland and Swamp Forests Symposium coming up at the end of October. The two day event – field tour on Nov 2 CFE's for symposium and field day. Gerow also noted that the latest FPG Report went out in August. Since the last SFI meeting, NCFS has had one water quality rule violation in the Neuse Basin River. There has been some confusion on beaver ponds within these areas and how the Division of Water Resources in judging these situation. The bottom line is if there is a stream on map, then the stream needs to be protected with the regulations set forth in the buffer rules. Gerow reported that the re-adoption process for all state agencies,

including the NCFS is currently underway. The NCFS has attempted to clarify some definitions within the rules, but no significant changes to the rules have been recommended by the NCFS or any outside organizations or groups.

MARKET OUTREACH/RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Rand Matthews provided the update on the outreach committee. He reported that the NC SFI Committee has been approved to display at the Woodworks meeting in Charlotte this fall. Matthews also distributed a copy of the recently completed advertisement copy that will be featured in Our State Magazine in October. Thanks to our subcommittee of Jadie Andrews, Scott Smearman and Chris Brown for collecting information from SFI National and working with the design staff with Our State Magazine. The outreach committee also completed a new version of our one-sheet trifold that we can use for workshops.

LANDOWNER OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Will Peete is the Executive Director of the Working Lands Trust (WLT) provided a quick update on the organization. The focus of the WLT is to assist landowners to secure conservation easements for working farms and forests. The WLT is a partner with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services on several conservation easements projects connected to the Sentinel Lands Project. The WLT has completed its first agreement that includes 9,100 acres.

Leslie McCormick, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Tree Farm Program, provided an update on the North Carolina Tree Farm Program. The program added 82 new Tree Farm this new year, totaling some 22,089 acres. The NC Tree Farm program has 31 required inspections to complete by the end of 2017 as part of the national audit. Seven inspections have already been completed, resulting in one farm being decertified from the program. The NC Tree Farm program continues to chip away at the Tree Farms that have not been visited in 10 years or more. There are roughly 200 of these in the program currently. The goal is to get to 20% of the farms in addition to the mandatory inspections to ensure all the Tree Farms are up-to-date.

INFORMATION RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Tony Doster introduced the NCFA's Amy Juliana to report on a new education awareness program for National Forest Products Week. The NCFA will be conducting an essay contest for students at the elementary, middle school and high school level as part of National Forest Products Week. One student will be selected from each category and the teacher at the winning school will also receive an award to help with the purchase of supplies. Doster proposed the NC SFI Committee support this project at \$500. The motion was seconded by Scott Smearman and unanimously approved.

INCONSISTENT PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE

INCONSISTENT PRACTICES MONITORING PROGRAM - LOG						
						Year: <u>2017</u>
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
						Total
						YTD
Total Number of Phone Calls			2	6		8
Total Number of Invalid Phone Calls			0	3		3
Total Number of Valid Phone Calls			2	4		6
Open Inconsistent Practices			0	0		0
Closed Inconsistent Practices			0	0		0
Open FPG Inconsistent Practices			0	0		0
Closed FPG Inconsistent Practices			0	0		0
Total Open Inconsistent Practices			0	0		0
Total Closed Inconsistent Practices			0	0		0
Notes	One valid call was from a landowner with land adjoining a tract being logged. Caller was concerned about possible stream NC Forest Service was already involved per caller. I requested caller to call me back if she determined that logger was and there were violations. She did not call me back.					
	One call involved mud on the road but the caller never returned my call. One call involved a legal issue and one involved Forest Service FPG Report covers tracts inspected through 3-31-16					
	Submitted by Steve Cox , IPM 7-10-17					

TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The NCFA now has 1,521 ProLoggers in the program after the June 30th deadline. There were roughly 88 ProLoggers who failed to take the course and pay the \$110 dues. There was an additional 66 ProLoggers who took Module 17, but failed to pay their dues. These ProLoggers have been sent a reminder on their payments.

The ProLoggers failing to pay their dues and/or take the required training have been moved to the inactive category. They will not show up on any searches of the ProLogger lists. There is a path to re-instatement and any ProLoggers wishing to do so in the first year of being out of the program must contact the NCFA.

Our numbers for retaining trained ProLoggers are extremely high. We could not achieve this without our members help in hosting classes and tracking down those few who always seem to miss the main stream classes.

New ProLogger cards have been printed and mailed to those who have met the deadline.

We have three ProLogger base course offerings in 2017. We had 55 ProLoggers graduate in March from Martin CC, Williamston, NC (March 15-16, 2017). A total of 42 ProLoggers graduated in Troy, NC at Montgomery CC. The final session will take place at McDowell CC, in Marion, NC (October 11-12, 2017).

We have hit some issues with the weather and availability of ProLoggers able to help us out with our filming for Module 18. Consequently, we are a little behind schedule but plan on completing the project by the end of August.

We have a segment from South Carolina on the SFI National Program that is 15 minutes in length. The other topics include Oil Spills (30 mins), Power Lines (15 mins), OSH Consultative Service (15 mins), Property Lines and Maps (20 mins), Dash Cameras & Other Safety Add-Ons (20 mins). The module should be no more than two hours in runtime which was the goal heading into the year.

We recently concluded joint training with Forestry Mutual, The North Carolina Department of Labor, and the Carolina Loggers Association at Howell Woods in Smithfield, NC. The goal of the workshop is to initiate OSHNC employees to the forest products industry, particularly logging operations. We have a separate handout on the results of this project.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee reviewed the need to reprint the NCFA's Landowner Guide to Forestry. The committee approved \$6,000 to reprint the brochure that many member companies use as their outreach. Jim Durham made the motion to approve the funds and it was seconded by Mike Adams.

A second budget item was to share sponsorship with the NCFA for a brand story as part of the North Carolina Agriculture Magazine for 2018. The motion was made by Sam Cook and seconded by Scott Smearman and was approved unanimously.

LOG A LOAD EVENTS:

Golf Tournament at River Landing - October 19, 2017 at River Landing in Wallace, NC. Contact Scott Brewer for more info at Scott.Brewer1@ipaper.com

NC SFI SIC MEETING DATES:

November 8, 2017 – NCFA Office, Raleigh, NC – 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business and on motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Brown, NCFA Senior Director of Communications