

**NC SFI SIC MEETING**  
**November 12, 2025**  
**NCFA Office Raleigh, NC**  
**9:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Scott Ashworth  
Andrew Brown  
Ben Burger  
Ethan Campbell  
John Cecil  
Gail Currie  
Chuck Daniels  
Bill Demsey  
Ted Garner  
Todd Labarr filling in for Brett Goulding  
AJ Lang  
Sammy MacDonald  
Chris Manus  
Leslie McCormick  
Roger Melvin  
Amy Phillips  
Greg Ricks  
Will Reese  
Tommy Sanford  
Joel Stover  
Garrett Sumner  
Jamie Teel

NCFA staff present for some or all of the meeting:

Mike Powell  
John Hatcher  
Abigail Ridge

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee**  
*November 12, 2025*

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| 1. WELCOME AND ANTI-TRUST COMPLIANCE STATEMENT           | Reese          |
| 2. INTRODUCTIONS                                         | Reese          |
| 3. RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANT QUORUM                     | Reese          |
| 4. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES                    | Reese          |
| 5. NC SIC TREASURERS REPORT                              | Burger         |
| 6. SFI UPDATE                                            | Reese          |
| 7. FORESTRY ISSUES UPDATE                                | Lang           |
| 8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE                                    | Hatcher        |
| 9. INCONSISTENT PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE                   | Burger         |
| 10. INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT          | Brown          |
| 11. MARKET OUTREACH/RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT      | Cecil          |
| 12. LANDOWNER OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT               | Phillips       |
| 13. NCFA/FECF EDUCATION PROGRAMS UPDATE                  | Ireland/Ridge  |
| 14. PROLOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT | Daniels/Powell |
| 15. OTHER BUSINESS                                       | Reese          |
| 16. ADJOURN                                              |                |

## Statement on Compliance with Antitrust Laws in General

The North Carolina Forestry Association (NCFA) believes that fair and vigorous competition is essential to the maintenance of this country's free enterprise system. In furtherance of this principle, NCFA conducts all activities in strict compliance with antitrust laws. The staff, officers, directors, members, and committee members of the NCFA are reminded that they are required to comply with the spirit and requirements of all antitrust laws in general in all activities within the scope of and related to official functions of the NCFA.

A free exchange of ideas on matters of mutual interest to representatives of the forest products manufacturers, distributors, and others is necessary to the success of all NCFA meetings. Such an exchange of views is essential to the successful operation of every association. It is not the purpose of this policy to discourage the exploration in depth of any matters of legitimate concern to meeting participants.

The Sherman Antitrust Act, the Clayton Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act, and the Robinson-Patman Act comprise the basic federal antitrust laws, which set forth the broad areas of conduct considered illegal as restraints of trade. In general, agreements or understandings between competitors that operate as an impediment to free and open competition are forbidden. The broad language of the Clayton Act suggests the scope of federal antitrust prohibitions by forbidding any "agreement or understanding...to substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in any line of commerce."

Activities and practices which are forbidden include:

- *discussing the fixing or regulating of prices, markups, or the conditions or terms for the sale of lumber or wood products;*
  - *discussing the establishment of geographic trading areas, allocations of markets or customers, or classification of certain customers as being entitled to preferential treatment by manufacturers of lumber or wood products;*
  - *discussing or participating in any plan designed to induce any manufacturer or distributor of lumber or wood products to sell or refrain from selling, or discriminate in favor of or against any particular customer or class of customer;*
  - *discussing limiting or restricting the quality of lumber or wood products to be produced;*
  - *discussing or participating in any plan designed to control the means of transportation or channels through which lumber or wood products may be sold; and*
  - *discussing or participating in any plan which has the effect of discriminating against or excluding competitors.*
- This is, at best, a general outline of some areas which pose antitrust dangers in discussion between competitors and between sellers and their customers. If any question arises about an item on a meeting agenda, it should be reviewed by legal counsel prior to the meeting. If the question does not arise until the meeting has begun, that discussion should be avoided or stopped and not resumed until approved by legal counsel.

## ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Chair Will Reese reminded members that the meeting would be in full compliance with the NCFAs policy on antitrust contained in the meeting materials.

## INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION OF QUORUM

Chair Will Reese declared that a quorum was present and that the meeting would proceed.

## REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Chair Will Reese asked members to review the minutes from the last meeting.  
Motion to approve the minutes by John Cecil and a second from Ben Burger.

## NC SFI SIC TREASURER'S REPORT

2025 SIC Checking	Payable/Deposit	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
12/31/2024		<i>End of 2024 Checkbook Balance</i>				\$1,115.99
1/28/2025	Steve Cox	Q4 2024 IPM	Inconsistent Practices	\$625.00		\$490.99
1/31/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$7,943.46	\$8,434.45
1/31/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$11,915.20	\$20,349.65
1/31/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$0.06	\$20,349.71
2/10/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$4,422.00	\$24,771.71
2/10/2025				\$11,915.20		\$12,856.51
2/10/2025				\$7,943.46		\$4,913.05
2/26/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$1,314.84	\$6,227.89
2/26/2025	Swansboro High School	2025 grant	Public Outreach/ Education	\$1,872.00		\$4,355.89
2/26/2025	Cleveland High School FFA	2025 grant	Public Outreach/ Education	\$4,200.00		\$155.89
2/28/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$3,805.04	\$3,960.93
2/28/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$0.79	\$3,961.72
3/3/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$3,472.13	\$7,433.85
3/6/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$1,774.08	\$9,207.93
3/7/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$19,533.02	\$28,740.95
3/11/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$1,950.40	\$30,691.35
3/11/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$14,518.60	\$45,209.95
3/12/2025	FECE	2025 grant	Public Outreach/ Education	\$9,000.00		\$36,209.95
3/12/2025	Parkwood Middle FFA	2025 grant	Public Outreach/ Education	\$1,994.00		\$34,215.95
3/31/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$60.73	\$34,276.68
3/31/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$1,031.33	\$35,368.01
3/31/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$2.56	\$35,370.57
4/3/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$20,371.50	\$55,742.07
4/15/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$1,483.33	\$57,225.40
4/22/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$3,112.00	\$60,337.40
4/30/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$4.55	\$60,341.95
5/7/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$810.00	\$61,151.95
5/14/2025	Will Reese	SFI Annual Conference - virtual	Amin- misc	\$250.00		\$60,901.95
5/31/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$5.17	\$60,907.12
6/3/2025	Arborbrook Christian Academy	2025	Public Outreach/ Education	\$3,002.53		\$57,904.59
6/20/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$7,163.01	\$65,067.60
6/30/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$5.00	\$65,072.60
7/18/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$307.88	\$65,380.48
7/31/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$5.54	\$65,386.02
8/7/2025	NC Tree Farm Program	budget commitment	Landowner Outreach	\$8,000.00		\$57,386.02
8/13/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$10,810.00	\$68,196.02
8/14/2025	Deposit	dues	dues		\$296.28	\$68,492.30
8/31/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$6.13	\$68,498.43
9/11/2025	FECE	SFTE	Public Outreach/ Education	\$45,000.00		\$23,498.43
9/30/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$5.04	\$23,503.47
10/31/2025	Deposit	deposit	interest		\$2.00	\$23,505.47

## NC SIC 2025 Budget

	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 <u>Actual</u></b>	
SIC Dues	\$110,000.00	\$96,296.17	87.54%
Interest	\$100.00	\$36.84	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,100.00</b>	<b>\$96,333.01</b>	87.50%
<b>Administrative</b>			
NCFA	\$21,000.00		
Misc Exp	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
Travel	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	
<b>Landowner Outreach</b>			
Landowner Guide	\$0.00		
Tree Farm	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Misc. Landowner Outreach	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	100%
<b>Training and Education</b>			
Sustainable Teachers Academy	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	
Forestry & Environmental Camps	\$0.00		
Goods from the Woods boxes	\$0.00		
ProLogger Video	\$9,000.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,000.00</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	83%
<b>Information Resources</b>			
Promote SFI at NC Legislation	\$0.00		
Certification Workshops	\$0.00		
Purchase 1 Display/Materials	\$0.00		
NC SIC Website	\$1,000.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
<b>Market Outreach</b>			
NC SIC Booths	\$0.00		
Purchase Displays/Materials	\$0.00		
Customer Communication	\$0.00		
Recruitment	\$0.00		

<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>Grants Approved</b>				
Cleveland FFA	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	100.0%	
Arborbrook Christian Academy	\$3,000.00	\$3,002.53	100.1%	
Parkwood FFA	\$2,000.00	\$1,994.00	99.7%	
Swansboro High School	\$1,872.00	\$1,872.00	100.0%	
FECF- PLT	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	100.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,072.00</b>	<b>\$20,068.53</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Inconsistent Practices</b>				
Monitor / Phone Lines / Reporting	\$0.00	\$625.00		
Reporting	\$0.00			
Consultants	\$1,500.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$625.00</b>	<b>42%</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$105,822.00</b>	<b>\$73,943.53</b>	<b>69.88%</b>	

## NC SIC Proposed 2026 Budget

	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
SIC Dues	\$108,500.00	
Interest	\$50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$108,550.00</b>	
<b>Administrative</b>		
NCFA	\$21,000.00	
Misc Exp	\$250.00	
Travel	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,250.00</b>	<b>19.94%</b>
<b>Landowner Outreach</b>		
Landowner Guide	\$0.00	
Tree Farm	\$8,000.00	
Misc. Landowner Outreach		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>7.51%</b>

**Training and Education**

Sustainable Teachers Academy	\$45,000.00	
Forestry & Environmental Camps		
Goods from the Woods boxes	\$10,000.00	
ProLogger Video	\$9,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,000.00</b>	<b>60.05%</b>

**Information Resources**

Promote SFI at NC Legislation	\$0.00	
Certification Workshops	\$0.00	
Purchase Display/Materials	\$0.00	
NC SIC Website	\$1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>0.94%</b>

**Market Outreach**

NC SIC Booths	\$0.00	
Purchase Displays/Materials	\$0.00	
Customer Communication	\$0.00	
Recruitment	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

**Grants Approved**

Franklin School of Innovation	\$825.00	
DuPont State Recreational Forest	\$10,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,825.00</b>	<b>10.16%</b>

**Inconsistent Practices**

Monitor / Phone Lines / Reporting	\$0.00	
Reporting	\$0.00	
Consultants	\$1,500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>1.41%</b>

**Total Expenses \$106,575.00 100%**

\$9,177.26

Current Checking Account Balance 8/31/25 \$68,498.43

Approx year end balance assuming all dues come in and expenses are paid 2025 \$7,202.26

(\$13,704 more dues expected, \$75,000 yet to pay out)

Best case projected operating funds for 2026 \$115,752.26

(\$110,050 + \$7202.26)

Low case projected operating funds for 2026 \$113,409.00

If dues match last year (\$107M), we end the year with \$4859

**Discussion:** Ben Burger provided an overview of the updates outlined in meeting materials (see above).

Motion to approve 2025 Treasurers Report by Amy Phillips second by John Cecil.

As of 10/31/2025 we are sitting at \$23,505 and if all dues come in as expected we will end with somewhere between \$4000 and \$5000 which is slightly better than last year.

John Cecil: One concern I have is if we only took 107K and only took 108k this year and that includes Southern Veneer and with the nature of the industry do we need to plan on taking in that much?

Ben Burger: It feels like a stretch but right now it seems we are in a period of contraction so there are not going to be as many SFI tons on the manufacturing side but on the land side we are steady and growing.

Andrew brown: Most of the land Weyerhaeuser is SFI and while I don't see it growing it is staying steady.

Chuck Daniels: Hard to base on less when there is an unknown.

Ben Burger: If you back off 5% 103,000 income and expense 106,575 so I am sure.

Amy Phillips: I told the DuPont Folks \$9000 instead of \$10,000 based on the notes from the last meeting so there is an extra \$1000.

Will Reese: Were they good with the partial funding?

Amy Phillips: We have been playing phone tag so I have not directly spoken but seemed that it was okay based on their messages.

Will Reese: Ben Burger, are you happy with the proposed budget?

Ben Burger: I thought this hit all of our commitments and hit a lot of areas of public outreach and educational resources. 2 years ago was when the NCFCA staff made the kits in house to make the 1 year opposed to 2 years and I am not sure If down the road we need to budget in 5000 per year to carry over each year for one year of kits so we do not spend that money another way and have zero sum.

Will Reese: When are the boxes are running out?

Abigail Ridge: I only have 5 left, so we are planning to make them at the beginning of the year.

Ben Burger: I would leave it at \$10,000 this year and \$5000 moving forward in off years since we are running close. That is how it works in my mind the next treasurer may want to do it differently.

Andrew Brown: This budget is a guess, yes?

Mike Powell: That is John Hatcher's department, but he can confirm when he comes for the legislative update.

Ben Burger: Dues go out Q1 and dues start rolling in.

Jamie Teel: If we are too close will that affect grants?

Will Reese: It will not affect the 2026 approved grants but for the new grants we are reducing the max ask from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

Andrew Brown: So what do we have to pay and what is not expected?

Ben Burger: \$21,000 for administrative, \$2500 miscellanea online national meeting for chair, tree farm we put tree farm as a line item about 6 or 7 years ago, SFTE is something we've always supported, Goods from the Woods was a grant but is now a line item. We backed off support from Tree Farm and ProLogger last year and SFTE.

2026 Proposed Budget approved by Andrew Brown and seconded by Jamie Teel.

## **SFI UPDATE**

**Discussion:** Will Reese: There are no updates and I will make sure Amy Phillips gets on Gordy Mouw's email list.

## **FOREST ISSUES UPDATE**

North Carolina Forest Service (10/31/25)

- Water Resources Updates
  - FPG reports for FY25/26-Q1 (July thru Sept 2025) are being compiled and will be emailed ASAP from Richard Cockerham [Richard.Cockerham@ncagr.gov].
  - Year-to-date, we have made 1 FPG referral and 1 Buffer Rule referral.
    - FPG .0203 stream crossing violation referred (Feb. 2025). Davidson Co. Improper crossing of stream with a haul road.
    - Apparent Neuse River Buffer Rule violation (July 2025). Person Co. Accidental overharvest of 615 feet of stream buffer zone. Buyer notified NCFS of the issue.
  - Temporary Bridges for Forestry Crossing program (cost-share) is completed. Two applicants withdrew and we notified next in line from our random draw. We were able to fund 13 of 97 applications. All have received reimbursement.
  - A new grant award for temporary bridges was received and NCFS/NCFA are partnering to develop a new rent to own program that will meet grant requirements. We anticipate advertising how this program will work in late spring 2026. We also anticipate being able to fund about 30 temporary bridge sets.
  - Working towards an update to our Forest Preharvest Planning Tool. Lang will be looking for volunteers to give us feedback once a test version is available. NHP Tier II T&E data is moving towards a subscription model, and we are exploring options for how we can integrate T&E/G1G2 spp into our tool. ProLogger video module will highlight this new tool.
  - BMP field guide is being translated into Spanish. We anticipate sending to the print shop in December/January. Need some feedback from SLTC and SIC on how many copies are needed.
  - Water Quality staffing:
    - Adam Hayes – WQ Forester Region 3 west (D1+D9) – Started September 2025
    - Moriah Van Voorhis – Forest WQ Senior Specialist in Raleigh was promoted to GIS Program Head. FWQSS position remains vacant.
    - Austin Harriett – WQ Forester Region 1 north of Neuse River (D7, D13, D4) promoted to Forest Health East. WQ Forester position is vacant.

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**Discussion:** AJ Lang provided an overview of updates outlined in meeting materials (see above).

AJ Lang: We will have Ann in attendance to talk about their tool at the 1<sup>st</sup> SIC meeting in February. We will then have discussions with companies about input they want to include.

Gail Currie: Rough guess for printing would be 25% of what you print in English.

Andrew Brown: Have you put your little leaflets in Spanish =?

AJ Lang: No we have very few with the Forest Service. I have not heard high demand but if there is a specific one, I will consider it.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Monitoring the Federal Government Shutdown

**Discussion:** John Hatcher: just paying attention trades right now with EUDR and we think there is going to continue to be some delays and everyone is looking at the scenario this will go through so keep an eye out.

John Cecil: If anyone wants to buy a PAC ticket see an NCFA board member.

**INCONSISTENT PRACTICES REPORT**

**EXHIBIT C**

<b>INCONSISTENT PRACTICES MONITORING PROGRAM - LOG</b>					
Year: 2024 4th Quarter					
	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Number of Phone Calls	0	0	1		0
Total Number of Invalid Phone Calls	0	0	1		0
Total Number of Valid Phone Calls	0	0	0		0
Open Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0		0
Closed Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0		0
Open FPG Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0		0
Closed FPG Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0		0
Total Open Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0		0
Total Closed Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0		0
Notes:	We had no valid calls to the Hot Line, call was a landowner with concerns about a harvest in Moore County that was not an SFI company There were no inconsistent practices of SFI companies in the FPG Report for (FY 24-25 Q4) dated 8/15/25.				
Submitted by Ben Burger, IPM Chair 11/6/25					

**Discussion:** Ben Burger provided an overview of the updates outlined in meeting materials (see above).

**INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

**Discussion:** Andrew Brown no updates if anyone would like to work on this committee let me know

**MARKET OUTREACH/RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

**Discussion:** John Cecil: nothing to report but I did bring some SIC stickers. This is my last meeting as chair. Ethan Campbell has graciously agreed to take this on.

Will Reese: Thank you, John Cecil and Ethan Campbell, for taking care of this and for stepping up.

## LANDOWNERS OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

### N.C. Tree Farm Program Report

November 12, 2025

#### Inspections and Certifications

##### Currently Certified

Tree Farms: 687  
Acres: 215,784

##### New Certifications

Tree Farms: 19  
Acres: 5841

##### Decertifications

Tree Farms: 41  
Acres: 8,371  
Reasons: 5 deceased, 12 sold, 27 no interest

#### Outreach and Education

##### 2025 Accomplishments and Upcoming Events

##### Quarterly webinars

- Q1: Overcoming Challenges for Managing Small Woodlots: March 6, 172 participants
- Q2: Wildfire Control in the Wake of Helene: May 15, 83 participants
- Q3: Pond Management: September 18, 162 participants
- Q4: Beaver Management, November 20 at noon

##### Field Tours

- October 30, Cary, 60+ attendees  
Topics: the challenges of sustainable forest management in an urban setting, longleaf pine management and genetics, conservation easements and PUV
- November 1, West End, 80+ attendees  
Topics: prescribed burning, beaver ponds, cost-share programs, longleaf restoration

##### Annual Meeting

April 24 @ First Fruits Farm in Louisburg

- 131 attendees
- Topics: pond management, bird habitat management, sustained-yield forest management, agritourism

##### Forestry 101 Program:

Modules Completed:

- History of Your Land
- Maps and Boundaries

##### ForestHer NC

- Webinar: November 5, 72 attendees  
Topic: The Longleaf Pine as a Source of Food, Medicine and Craft for the Tribal Nations of the Southeast
- Field Tour: December 10, Wayne County  
Topics: longleaf pine management and ecosystem

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**Discussion:** Leslie McCormick provided an overview of the updates outlined in meeting materials (see above).  
Amy Phillips: Got a call yesterday wanting to know if we had received her grant. Alton's Group. Requesting 20k for a youth program they hope to continue. We gave them a partial grant in 2018 for a similar program. Tod her we already allocated the funds and she indicated she would submit again next year. <https://www.foresthernc.org/resources>  
Andrew Brown: Was the native American webinar recorded?  
Leslie McCormick: It was recorded and I will be sharing the link with this committee.

## NCFA/FECF EDUCATION PROGRAMS UPDATE

### **Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience**

- We have begun the planning process for the 2026 SFTE program. We will host two five day programs in 2026, with 50 teachers total.
  - We will open the application process in January 2026.

### **AN53 Natural Resources II-Forestry Course & Credential**

- The Craven Community College VOLT Center will be offering the Forest Worker Program beginning in Spring 2025; they are also working on establishing a partnership with West Craven High School so that this program can be offered through dual enrollment.
  - We conducted outreach to 8 school districts regarding adding the AN53 course/Natural Resources Pathway
- We are pursuing a partnership with SAF to offer the Candidate Certified Forest Technician Credential through the AN53 course. This would be an optional credential in addition to the Certified Forest Worker Credential and would be most ideal for students wanting to pursue post-secondary education in forestry.

### **Outreach**

NCFA participated in the following events, educating participants on sustainable forestry and forestry career opportunities.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name &amp; Description</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
10/1/2025	Craven Community College VOLT Center Career Fair	159
10/10/2025	Forestry activity at Hardly Farm Field Trip- Preschool and Pre-K Youth	120
10/14/2025	Craven County Schools Career and Technical Education Careers on Wheels event—5 <sup>th</sup> grade students	975
10/20/2025	New Bern High School Career Fair	700
10/21/2025	Acceler8 Career Exploration Event, Durham Public Schools—8 <sup>th</sup> grade students	2250
10/22/2025	Education program for Homeschool KIDS Group—middle school students and parents	50
11/6-7/2025	North Carolina Science Teachers Association Conference	~500
11/6-7/2025	JOCO Works Career Exploration event— Johnston County middle school students	~4000

**Discussion:** Abigail Ridge provided an overview of the updates outlined in meeting materials (see above).

Abigail Ridge: VOLT Center has hired Tim Tabak who is a consulting forester in the area to teach the class this semester.

We received the email sent to the SIC chairs by SFI on 11/3 regarding an SIC report request for National PLT initiatives. In response to this email, we want to share some information on the NC PLT program.

- On behalf of NC PLT, thank you to the SIC for your support of forestry education in NC that utilizes PLT. This includes:
  - SFTE
  - Goods from the Woods boxes
  - Funding for two NC PLT projects (2024: correlations of PLT activities to new NC science and social studies standards and 2025: facilitator training)
- Through NC PLT partnerships with NCFA and NCSU Extension Forestry, the NC PLT program remains strong. In 2025:
  - The NCFA provided NC PLT with a budget of \$15,000 to purchase PLT activity guides and materials that are distributed to educators at workshops and programs across the state.
  - The NC SIC provided a \$10,000 grant to NC PLT to host two multi-day facilitator trainings
  - State partners and facilitators contributed \$19,947 of in-kind support to NC PLT
  - This support resulted in 321 educators across the state receiving PLT professional development and curriculum resources to bring forestry education to their schools and programs. In addition, 28 new facilitators were trained to build additional capacity for the program across the state.

## **PROLOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

### **2025 Prologger Base Classes Completed – 70 NEW Prologgers Trained in 2025**

#### ***Prologger Stats to date....***

Class Taken/Dues Paid – 1167

Class Taken/No Dues – 18

Dues Paid/No Class – 52

Neither - 105 **\*\*\*Letters will be mailed Q4**

#### **Module 26 Filming Completed Final Edits Underway...**

1. Easements and Right of Ways (Duke Energy and 811 Dig + Logger and Procurement)
2. Business – Insurance and Liability (Partner with National Trucking Association Ben Greenburg and NC SHP Sgt. Kendall Jackson)
3. Pre-Harvest Planning BMPs (NC Forest Service + Logger and Procurement)
4. Cash Flow Analysis
5. Storm Damage Clean Up (Forestry Mutual Insurance Company Greg Helton)
6. Employee Retention and Succession Planning



**\*\*\*We are working with videographer on included Spanish translated CCs to all Prologger Modules going forward. One final stage is identifying a translator to confirm accurate translation.**

**Discussion:** Chuck Daniels and Mike Powell provided an overview of the updates outlined in meeting materials (see above).

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Powell: December 5<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 5 pm we are hosting another Logging Cost Analysis workshop at Montgomery CC in Troy. Free and good for 7 category 1 CFEs.

Andrew Brown: Did anyone have any problems this year or what were auditors hitting on? Or is everything smooth?

Ben Burger: NC did not get audited this year.

Ethan Campbell: Our forest management audit was this year and it went fine.

Scott Asheworth said they had an audit in Virginia and it went fine they got kudos for preservation of a civil war site.

Amy Phillips: We still need a Treasurer for next year.

Will Reese: No one has volunteered so I will be calling someone soon.

### **Dates for next year:**

Q1 Joint Meeting: February 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>

Q2: May 20<sup>th</sup>

Grant review: September 9<sup>th</sup>

Q3: September 15<sup>th</sup>

Q4: November 17<sup>th</sup>

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Daniels and seconded by Andrew Brown.