
Forestry Committee Minutes

AUGUST 8, 2011

Ron and Lisa Ellis- 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is at 6:15 p.m., prior to the Forestry Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Attendees; Carol Koenig, Karen Staub, Lisa and Ron Ellis, Paul and Pat Hoopengartner, Everett McMichael, Raoul Moore, Jim Spence, Doug and Tonya Schober.

- I. Call to Order, 6:52 after yet another a great meal;
- II. Approve Minutes of the June Meeting Jim 1st, Ron 2nd
- III. Old Business:
Invasive committee report; Sept 17th Crawfordsville field day see website for details. There is a potential cost share project for the committee.

STRC&D update, Office is usually open Wednesday and ½ an other day, call before going to make sure it is open. Nationally there is a move by the White House to start a top down project to do mostly what RC&D was doing.

Sycamore Woods;

- A. Old building status; They are down in mixed piles. No sorting was done.
- B. Inventory, sale; Inventory field work is done. Jeremiah will put it together and meet with the group of four to finalize plans. Rough numbers are >7000 Bd Ft per acre east of the drive but less than 7000 west of it. There are vines and invasives through out the area that need to be addressed before a sale is done.
- C. TSI status and up coming field days; We did not make the fist round of cost share. There is more money coming soon. TSI is not too much money but the Invasive control money is probably worth waiting for. Once the timing of funding is checked field days can be set.
- D. Educational Trail; Karen got good input from the group and will try to use existing roads where possible.
- E. Parking lot/ Pavilion; A bring your own meat “Stake/Steak” event will be planned soon, watch for details, to help make plans.
- F. Niche market wood products of income; Bev should check with (Williamson? Jack Nelson contact) mill on the east side of Spencer where we had the niche market tour a few years back.

- IV. Upcoming Events
 - A. Industry Tour inputs where who when; tabled

B. Vigo and Clay Co events Sept 20 – 23; If you are interested please contact Raoul or Jeremiah

C. Greene County Call Before you Cut event will be at Jeremiah's Jasonville office. Office will help with registrations, PR and money to caterer.

V. New Business:

Field days (Bev's) more details needed but was well received.

Ash tree removal; tabled

Questionnaire questions; Why are you interested / involved with your woodlands (see CF Annual Report list, How can we serve you,

VI. DNR has had a number of District Forester retire. Some areas are not going to be filled. One option to deal with increased work load is to stretch out Classified Forest reinspections from 5 to 7 years.

VII. Next Meeting Plans: Since the first Monday in Sept is Labor Day, 9/12 at St John's at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn; 8:20