



Wisconsin County Forests Association

Annual Report

2021

WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION

Wisconsin County Forests Association, Inc. (abbreviated WCFA) was established in 1968 to provide a forum for the consideration of issues, programs, and policies of the county forests. WCFA works with and represents the interests of Forestry Committees of County Boards responsible for forestry programs in each of its 30 member counties.

MISSION

The Wisconsin County Forests Association provides leadership uniting the interests of the world's largest county forest program while ensuring long-term forest health and sustainability.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Norm Bickford, Burnett County (President)
- Joe Waichulis, Clark County (Vice President)
- Bill Bialecki, Lincoln County (Treasurer)
- Al Mans, Marinette County
- Myron Brooks, Taylor County
- Ed Kelley, Florence County
- Bill Schradle, Barron County
- Phil Schneider, Rusk County
- Alan VanRaalte, Oneida County
- Michael Luedeke, Spooner, WI (Director-at-Large)
- Henry Schienebeck, Rhinelander, WI (Director-at-Large)



"Our job is to sharpen our tools and make them cut the right way... [T]he sole measure of our success is the effect which they have on the forest."

Aldo Leopold

(to the Forest Officers of the Carson, The River of the Mother of God.)

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Another year, another collection of firsts. It's still hard to comprehend that I have been with the Association for two years already as of October 1st. Where has the time gone? While COVID has, and still continues to, wreak havoc on the normal flow of events and such, there is still a lot of progress and accomplishments being made.

The spring of 2021 brought my first real glimpse of the State Budget process, and all the fun things that entails. Conversations with lawmakers on our priorities had to be done mainly over the phone or online but nonetheless, we were successful in our lobbying of a couple of key items, primarily seeing an increase of the county forest acreage share payments, the first time that has happened since the mid 1980's. To say I learned a lot in the State Budget process is a vast understatement! I am thankful Shawn Pfaff and a few key county forest administrators were there to help guide me along the way.

Other highlights this past year for me included my first summer tour, more visits out to member counties, working on the both mill cooperative boards, welcoming Mark Heyde and Dave Kafura to the Association and my first GLTPA Logging Expo in Escanaba. 2021 was challenging but also a lot of fun!

As we continue to spread the message about the County Forest system, as well as the Association, a few words stick out to me when I think about WCFA's role in the forest industry, with our members and in the State – **World-class, Champion, Facilitate, Advance.**

- **WORLD-CLASS** - It's a known fact the County Forest System in Wisconsin is like no other, and it shows. The Counties are looked to as the leaders in forestry in the State and as key players in forest management. Counties are also well-known for their dedication to their forests, to their local citizens and to the visitors of their lands.
- **CHAMPION** - WCFA is a champion first and foremost for our county members, but also equally for sustainable forestry in Wisconsin, and all that goes into making that giant wheel turn successfully. The industry has certainly had it's struggles recently but we must remain hopeful the situation turns around soon.
- **FACILITATE** - From meetings and agendas to special presentations and making connections with forest and recreation managers from other organizations, facilitating will always be a main priority for WCFA.
- **ADVANCE** - Pushing onward and upward while honoring the past, WCFA will continue to evolve and grow to support the County Forests and our industry. The question is... where do we go from here?

Some other words that come to mind are work, advocate, connect and dedication. What words would YOU use to describe the Association and our work?

Looking forward to continuing serving the County Forests of Wisconsin in the new year.

Wishing you all the best in 2022!

Kind regards,

Rebekah Luedtke



(Rebekah and her dog, Nelson)

MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I came on board the Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) organization on August 1, 2021, and hit the road running as the first week entailed county forest certification audits in Eau Claire, Chippewa, Polk and Clark Counties. As this was not my first involvement with forest certification audits, I chose to participate in field tours that may have questions related to water quality protection, whether timber harvesting or recreational related concerns.

The fall 2021 WCFA conference in Hayward was a great opportunity to meet the WCFA Board of Directors, re-acquaint with county forest administrators and meet new administrators I was not familiar with.

Fall was also busy with motorized recreational policy and issues that impact member counties of WCFA. The Association has a task group focused on funding and policies that affect motorized recreation on county forests. We continue to monitor the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Advisory Council meetings and decisions that impact our ability to maintain and sustain motorized recreational trails on county forests.

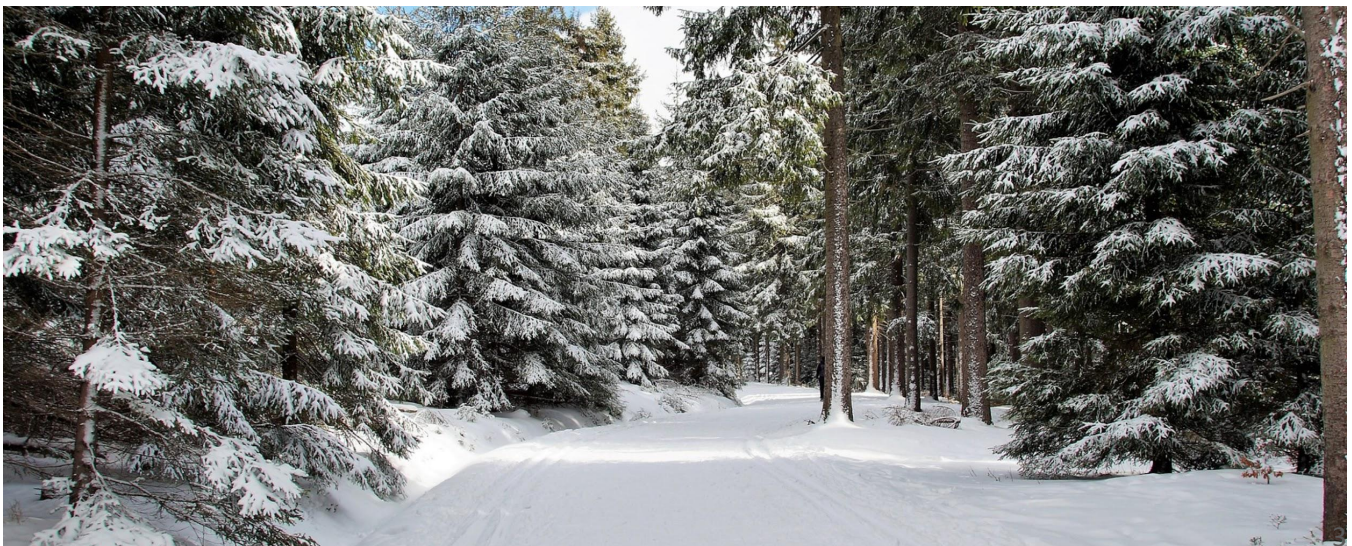
WCFA continued to pressure the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to move forward with the public land motorized trail guide. This document has languished in draft form since April 2020. This insistence to finalize the document resulted in the DNR finally publishing, in November, the draft and seeking public comment on the guide. WCFA provided numerous comments on the draft guide. We expect the DNR to review and consider all the public comments they have received and finalize the document in the 1st quarter of 2022.

Finally, I have been providing technical advice and regulatory consulting to the member county forests related to waterway and wetland permitting and exemptions for forest harvesting, recreational, and multi-use activities on county forest land.

I look forward to 2022 in assisting WCFA and the member county forests as they plan and implement varied projects, and delve into more policy issues as they arise.

Best regards,

Dave Kafura



MESSAGE FROM CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

Fortitude and perseverance were watchwords for 2021. And the blessings of retirement and new beginnings with WCFA. Certainly, the grind of COVID continues, but we seem to be getting in the groove of managing risk and have started working together in person. Let's hope for more improvement in the future.

We have the capacity to look ahead and be proactive. WCFA's ongoing efforts to build and maintain support for county forest programs through strong relationships is critical. Together, we are building and maintaining relationships with state legislators, local governments, user groups, local citizens and stakeholders, federal partners, and with all our valued DNR partners and staff who provide important support for county forests.

Challenges in wood markets, insects and diseases, carbon markets and climate change are also opportunities for us to deepen our understanding of our forests and diversify the benefits of county forests beyond cords and boards.

It's a great time to be a forester! The tools and data at our fingertips are things that we only dreamt about in the 1980's and early 1990's. We now can bring so much information to bear to solve the common problems that we face. Information about soils, ecology, wildlife and Threatened and Endangered species, climate, water and wetlands, habitat types, better inventories, information management systems, and mapping are many times at our fingertips in the field.

Gone are stereoscopes, acetate and dot counting, pacing and map-based orienteering replaced by smart data devices, GIS and accurate GPS various remote sensing products and real-time access to data.

It's a great time to be a WCFA staff! Problems with wood markets? Problems with insects and diseases? Problems with our neighbors and the social license to practice forestry? Concerns about climate change and changing weather patterns? Problems with forest certification? By working together, we can meet these and whatever challenges are ahead. Together, we can build a stronger Wisconsin County Forests Association. I can't wait for 2022.

Sincerely,

Mark Heyde



(Mark and his grandkids)

MESSAGE FROM WCFA LOBBYIST

Governor Signs Budget that Includes Tax Relief and Support for County Forests

State Capitol Control at Stake in Upcoming Election

Democratic Governor Tony Evers, once again, surprised Capitol followers when he signed the GOP-led legislature's version of the 2021-23 biennial budget just like he did two years ago. The first-term Governor made 50 changes to the nearly \$90 billion two-year spending document before signing it into law in early July.

In signing the budget, the Governor supported more than \$2 billion in income tax relief which was the centerpiece of the Republican-led legislative budget message and efforts. The massive tax cut includes lowering income taxes for the largest tax bracket in Wisconsin from 6.27 percent to 5.3 percent. According to the Legislature's nonpartisan budget office, that change is expected to cost the state about \$2.4 billion over two years. An individual or family that earns between \$50,000 and \$60,000 per year would save \$172 on income taxes annually.

The signed budget included several items that are helpful to rural Wisconsin communities and local governments. It included nearly \$500 million in new funding for roads and highways and more than \$120 million in broadband investment for internet expansion in rural Wisconsin. Specifically, regarding county forests, the budget includes increased funding for county forest shared acreage payments from \$.30 to \$.63 for a yearly increase of nearly \$1.5 million for each year of the biennium. The budget also extends the state's stewardship program through 2026 for a total amount of \$32 million. The extension also allows for a \$3 million a year allotment to county forests.

November Election has Huge Significance

With the state Capitol politically split between a Democratic Governor and a Republican-led legislature, there has been stalemate over key issues such as Medicaid expansion, election reform and on other policy items, but the two sides have been able to work together, at times, on major issues like passing the budget and other measures to keep the state's economy moving forward during the ongoing impacts of COVID.

This fall's election will determine political control of the state Capitol. In the upcoming election, Evers will most likely be challenged by former Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch in a race that most national followers are saying could be one of the closest Governor's races in the country.

Other races on the ballot this fall will be the race for United States Senate. It was recently announced that the current U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Oshkosh) will run again. Also, the Democratic Attorney General will be running for re-election. Races will also be held in the state's eight congressional districts along with all 99 members of the state Assembly and half of the members of the 33-member state Senate facing election under new maps that will be created by the state's decennial redistricting process where the boundaries will be determined by mid-April by either the state Supreme Court or a federal court.

Lastly, Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) continues to be active in the State Capitol. No matter who wins election, WCFA will continue to advocate to lawmakers and Administration officials on issues that impact our state's local governments and communities.

Shawn Pfaff is the President of Pfaff Public Affairs, LLC a government and public relations firm that represents the Wisconsin County Forests Association in the State Capitol.



SUMMER TOUR – VILAS COUNTY

Bluebird skies, 73 degrees, plentiful sunshine. A person couldn't have asked for a more perfect day for WCFA's summer tour of Vilas County this past June. After having to cancel last year's tour, being in Eagle River was a welcome treat for many folks. County forest summer tours are a way for county and DNR forestry staff, along with many others, to gather and share information on silvicultural practices and treatment methods, along with successes, challenges and lessons learned. They are also a great way for professional foresters to network with fellow natural resource managers.

Al Murray, Vilas County staff and the DNR staff did a fantastic job showcasing all the great work being done in the north. After an introduction, the first day started off with a field stop at a completed shelterwood harvest (top right). Assistant Forest Administrator Jeremiah Oftedahl (2nd from top) and DNR County Forest Liaison Jill Nemec discussed their decision making for the stand and their hopes of its potential outcome.

Other stops along the way included a red pine/ aspen conversion site, a wildfire prevention program project and several examples of different silvicultural treatments.

One of the afternoon stops on the field tour was a jack pine harvest area that was left to naturally seed itself after anchor chaining and mechanical release. As discussed by area wildlife managers and other staff, this site is relatively aspen free and has great jack pine genetics offering ideal habitat for threatened and endangered species (2nd from bottom).

Torch Lake Campground was the last stop of the day and showcased a newly built campground developed with ATV/UTV users in mind. It was largely funded utilizing ATV/UTV and RTP grants. Another phase is currently under construction which will add more campsites with water and sewer hook-ups, a restroom building and an ATV wash station. A beautiful spot for a weekend trip!

The second day gave attendees the opportunity to discover and learn more about the area of Eagle River and Vilas County with stops at the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame, the Snowmobile Hall of Fame and Arrowhead Groomers (right). Now if only every tour had such perfect weather!



Mark your calendars for June 22 & 23 for the 2022 Summer Tour in Rusk County!

HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES

STAFF CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

At the end of 2020, Gary Zimmer, longtime WCFA Assistant Executive Director, retired to spend more time hunting and with family. While Gary retiring was a huge loss, we were very lucky that Mark Heyde, our new Forest Certification and Special Issues Coordinator, joined the Association in March after retiring from the Wisconsin DNR. Mark is charged with helping guide the Counties through forest certification and other issues such as threatened and endangered species. In August, we were lucky again when Dave Kafura joined WCFA as our new Assistant Executive Director. Dave is responsible for helping Counties in forest hydrology, motorized recreation and wildlife matters, among other things. Both of them bring a tremendous amount of knowledge and expertise to the Association and to the Counties. We are thankful to have them!

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

As this annual report is being written, the revision of WCFA's Strategic Plan is nearing its completion and will be implemented this spring. Our strategic plan serves to focus the Association's efforts and assist with achieving identified goals. WCFA's Personnel Committee also uses the document to set goals for the executive director and other staff. WCFA is lucky to have the assistance of the University of Wisconsin Extension to help us complete this important task. We are hopeful this new plan will help chart our course forward.

MARKET IMPACTS

Unfortunately, the State's forestry industry is still feeling a significant impact due to the loss of the Verso paper mills in Wisconsin Rapids and Duluth. 2021 brought about a unique opportunity for WCFA to be an integral part in trying to recapture some of this lost market. Two cooperatives were formed to investigate the potential for purchasing and operating the idled Verso mill in Wisconsin Rapids and the Park Falls Pulp & Paper Mill. Rebekah jumped at the offer to sit on both cooperative boards and put forth a lot of energy in trying to get these mills back on track. At the date of this report, both cooperatives are inactive until the current situation can be assessed for further opportunities. We're still optimistic that markets will rebound in the near future and allow Counties, contractors, haulers and the like continue to care for our valuable forests.



FOREST CERTIFICATION

County forests continued to be certified to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) or Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) or both in 2021. A surveillance audit was performed in August with visits to Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire and Polk County forests. County, WCFA and DNR staff participated in and supported the audit. Kudos to county staff for their preparation and professionalism displayed during the audit. Clark County edged Eau Claire County Forest as the winner of the unofficial "best lunch" competition.

Draft audit findings included concerns about the implementation of the new FSC Environmental and Social Risk Assessment (ESRA) process for chemical pesticide use, lack of complete reporting of chemical pesticides used (i.e. Cellu-Treat), ESRA training, timeliness of State level BMP monitoring reporting, and identification of High Conservation

Values (HCV) in the revised 15 year comprehensive land use plans. The Legislative and Certification Committee discussed the findings this past fall and managed the responses to final audit findings in coordination with the DNR, resulting in a couple of findings being dropped. The remaining findings will be addressed through the winter and spring, before next summer's audit.

The loss of Verso Papers as a major purchaser of certified pulpwood and continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on supply chains will likely impact markets into the future. The counties with the assistance of WCFA continue to discuss the costs and benefits of certification. For the time being WCFA recommends staying the course with forest certification.

In 2022, we expect to see new SFI standards and the SFI counties will have one year to transition to new requirements. A revised FSC standard is likely in 2023 or 2024; the FSC draft standards are in development. The 2022 audit is set for August in Forest, Florence, Marinette and Oconto counties.



OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Educating the public about Wisconsin's County Forests and the benefits associated with sustainable forest management continues to be a high priority for the Association. WCFA was once again lucky to receive a grant from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point to help with our outreach efforts. We continue to sponsor 2-3 scholarships allowing high school students from both urban and rural areas to attend a Natural Resources Careers session at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River, be a contributing member of North American Forest Partnership and engaged with the #forestproud effort, and also to be a financial sponsor for Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association's annual Envirothon event.



We also developed a "Scribology" video with the help of TruScribe which will be released in the spring of 2022 after the WCFA website gets a much needed refresh. The scribology video will be distributed far and wide, and available to any members and partners looking to promote and educate on sustainable forestry in Wisconsin, especially at the county level. You'll also find a new advertisement of the our's on the bottom of page 10.

Staff continue to address county boards and county forestry committees in our member counties, counties interested in learning more about our program, and a variety of civic organizations regarding the significance of our county forests and WCFA.

PUBLIC & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

WCFA Board of Directors continues to contract with a public affairs representative, Shawn Pfaff of Pfaff Public Affairs, who resides near Madison. This relationship remains a positive one, and his services proved valuable during the development of Wisconsin's FY22-FY23 State Budget. Services provided by Mr. Pfaff are in addition to ongoing efforts by WCFA's Executive Director as a registered lobbyist. This arrangement provides increased

contact with state legislators, the office of the Wisconsin Governor and other policy making agencies regarding a variety of important issues related to natural resource management, transportation, tourism, etc. Politics are important in our role as managers of a significant public resource.

On July 8th, the Governor approved the FY22-FY23 State Budget which included a couple of priorities for WCFA and the Counties. Our outreach strategy included discussing priorities as a group, preparing issue briefs for those priorities which advocated for policy changes and addressing funding challenges facing the counties and conducting countless conversations with the Governor's office and numerous lawmakers. One issue we advocated heavily for was an increase to the county forest acreage share payment. This is a payment made directly to the townships in which county forest lands lie from the State of Wisconsin through the Department of Natural Resources. This payment had been stuck at \$0.30/acre since the late 1980's. Advocating for an increase, which was successfully raised to \$0.63/acre, supports the towns in keeping public lands from being an economic burden at the local level. At the time of this report, WCFA is also championing legislation which will increase the direct sale limitation in statute to \$10,000 from \$3,000.

On December 15th, WCFA had the opportunity to testify in front of the Senate Committee on Insurance, Licensing and Forestry and the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation about the current state of the forest industry, impacts from lost markets on the Counties and what needs to be done to turn the situation around. Our message was very well received and we're optimistic that awareness on the forest industry is growing in the Capitol.



NATIONAL FOREST AFFAIRS

WCFA continues to be actively involved with issues surrounding national forest management, especially regarding Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), and also continues to be a member of the Federal Sustainable Forest Committee (FSFC) and WCFA's Board of Directors is on record in support of FSFC's efforts. In addition, Rebekah continues to serve as treasurer of that committee. The FSFC is focused on improving forest health through proper, sustainable forest management as identified in the CNNF plan.

The committee has grown to include members from the western side of the CNNF and Grow North, a NE region-based corporation focused on economic development, expanding broadband internet and promoting the wood products industry. A fair amount of congressional attention continues to be focused on national forest management and we are engaged in the dialog with our delegation and Congressional staff members who regularly attend FSFC meetings.

Besides FSFC, WCFA frequently engages with staff and leadership of the CNNF on a variety of topics, providing comments on projects and federal legislation related to national forest management.

EXTERNAL & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

WCFA staff, several County Forest Administrators or members of their staff continue to serve on numerous committees, boards, or councils representing Wisconsin's County Forests and their interests. It has been an objective to increase participation by member counties on these bodies. The list of external committees is lengthy and includes the Governor's Council on Forestry, Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association, Trees for Tomorrow, Wisconsin's Young Forest Partnership, Wisconsin's Forestry Hall of Fame, numerous DNR advisory groups, and many more.

COMMITTEE WORK

WCFA continues to have few internal standing committees who meet on a regular basis to address issues, develop guidance and work on a variety of tasks. Standing committees include the Executive Committee, Legislative & Forest Certification, Budget, Motorized Recreation and Personnel. The committee membership is made up of County Forest Administrators, Board of Directors and/or WCFA staff.

Legislative & Forest Certification Committee addresses the bulk of the issues that come before WCFA, including forest certification matters, audits, and annual findings. Mike Peterson, Washburn County Forest Administrator, continues to lead that committee. Our Budget Committee, chaired by Jake Walcisak, Taylor County Forest Administrator, is tasked with dealing with budget matters both internal to WCFA and external to the State budget. Examples of the Budget Committee's work include evaluating and recommending WCFA's membership structure and annual dues to the Board, WCFA's annual operating budget and developing priorities for State budget cycles. Our Executive Committee provides oversight and input on organizational matters and deals with any immediate or time sensitive issues that may arise. WCFA staff, Board officers and County Forest Administrator President Brian Loyd, Juneau County Forest Administrator, and Vice President Jeremy Koslowski, Rusk County Forest Administrator make up the Executive Committee.

Our internal committees were busy last year with state budget issues, forest carbon credits, establishing plans to financially grow WCFA, motorized recreation and the hiring of new staff among many other matters.





LOOKING FORWARD: CHALLENGES, GOALS, PRIORITIES

It's imperative for our continued success to keep looking forward and critically think about what WCFA can do for our members and for the State's forest products industry overall, and how we accomplish those things. As we evaluate where to take WCFA, the revision of our strategic plan is the place to do that, including exploring new options for generating revenue. So, one of the main goals for WCFA in the next year is to do just that, approve the revision of the strategic plan and implement it. We appreciate those members that have provided input along the way.

Beyond completing a strategic plan revision, one challenge for WCFA and the Counties will be starting another State budget cycle in the fall, weathering the election of several state officials, including the Governor's office, and assessing how any of those changes will affect our mission.

We look forward to seeing COVID dissipate (fingers crossed) and being able to return to a normal flow of meetings and events. No doubt there will be new, unexpected challenges along the way. Regardless, we will continue to make strides towards increasing services to members and increasing awareness of county forests and sustainable forest management in the State.

Cheers to a healthy and safe 2022!

FINANCIAL REPORT

2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
INCOME (DUES, INTEREST, GRANT)	\$243,134.04	\$238,517.57	-\$4,614.47 (98.1%)
OTHER INCOME		\$45,111.72	
TOTAL INCOME	\$243,134.04	\$283,631.29	+\$40,497.25 (116.6%)
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$13,000	\$17,266.84	+\$4,266.84 (132.8%)
MEETING, TRAVEL, PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSES	\$38,00	\$30,717.62	-\$7,282.38 (80.8%)
PAYROLL & FRINGE EXPENSES	\$122,767	\$110,259.54	-\$12,507.46 (89.8%)
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$18,500	\$15,346.50	-\$3,153.50 (82.9%)
OTHER		\$56,028.41	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$192,267	\$229,618.91	+37,351.91 (119.4%)
NET GAIN	\$54,012.38		

(The full report can be found in the 2021 Financial Report)

2022 BUDGET

TOTAL INCOME (DUES, INTEREST, GRANT)	\$243,322.68
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$12,200
MEETING, TRAVEL, PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSES	\$43,000
PAYROLL & FRINGE EXPENSES	\$132,249
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$15,250
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$202,699

CURRENT LIST OF ASSETS

(as of 12/31/2021)

Checking	\$16,306.51
Savings	\$143,741.17
Money Market	\$150,803.52
Total Net Worth	\$310,851.20



WCFA FINANCIAL HISTORY

	Cash Net-Worth History	Net Gain/Loss at Year End	Dues	Acreage Assessment
1/1/2008	\$46,118.64	\$(8,419.63)	\$850.00	\$0.0261
1/1/2009	\$37,699.01	\$20,472.66	\$1,000.00	\$0.0470
1/1/2010	\$58,171.67	\$45,353.56	\$1,375.00	\$0.0425
1/1/2011	\$103,525.23	\$36,994.76	\$1,375.00	\$0.0425
1/1/2012	\$140,519.99	\$12,035.23	\$1,250.00	\$0.0400
1/1/2013	\$152,555.22	\$29,230.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.0400
1/1/2014	\$181,785.22	\$(10,072.08)	\$1,250.00	\$0.0400
1/1/2015	\$171,713.14	\$(23,869.09)	\$1,600.00	\$0.0460
1/1/2016	\$147,844.05	\$30,914.58	\$1,600.00	\$0.0460
1/1/2017	\$178,758.63	\$13,683.41	\$1,600.00	\$0.0500
1/1/2018	\$192,442.04	\$29,601.73	\$1,600.00	\$0.0500
1/1/2019	\$222,043.77	\$3,568.81	\$1,600.00	\$0.0500
1/1/2020	\$225,612.58	\$35,214.51	\$1,600.00	\$0.0500
1/1/2021	\$260,827.09	\$50,024.11	\$1,600.00	\$0.0600
1/1/2022	\$310,851.20		\$1,600.00	\$0.0600

RECOGNITION

At the Annual Meeting in September, we were finally able to take time to recognize a few of our recent retirees. From left to right: Rick Dailey (30 years with Clark County), Kevin Kleinschmidt (33 years with Lincoln County) and Eric Holm (35 years with Price County). We appreciate all their hard work, dedication and leadership, both at the County Forest level and with WCFA.



2022 CALENDAR

(subject to change)

- ❖ February 22 - Legislative & Forest Certification Committee meeting (Merrill)
- ❖ March 8 - Board of Directors meeting (Merrill)
- ❖ June 21 - Legislative & Forest Certification Committee & Board of Directors meeting (Ladysmith)
- ❖ June 22 & 23 - Summer Tour (Rusk County/ Ladysmith)
- ❖ August 23 - Budget Committee meeting (Merrill)
- ❖ September 20 - Legislative & Forest Certification Committee & Board of Directors meeting (TBD)
- ❖ September 21 & 22 - Annual Meeting (TBD)



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