

Eleven Point Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

The Eleven Point Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee convened for the first meeting this year at the US Forest Service Office, Rolla, Missouri.

Start time: 1:30 pm

End time: 3:00 pm

1:30 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS– Michael (Tony) Crump

Forest Service staff introduced themselves to include:

- Tony Crump, Designated Federal Official - Provided overview of SRS program, RAC configuration, current state of funding, and thanked members for their participation over the years. Also introduced Vince Keeler, new Forest Supervisor who will fulfill the DFO role in the future.
- Kim Houf, RAC Coordinator
- Chris Stockdale, Staff Officer
- Ed Sherman, Recreation Program Manager
- Tray Hall, Recreation Program Manager
- Matt Dillon, District Ranger
- Cody Lunsford, District Ranger

1:50 Chairman, Dennis Purcell called the meeting to order and conducted a roll call. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Committee Members Present (in person and virtual):

GROUP A: Jim Privett, Mike Homeyer, Steven Assenmacher

GROUP B: Steve Brewer, MaryAnn Mutrux, Sherry Copeland, Lisa Stewart, Kent Robinson

GROUP C: Dennis Purcell, Cindy Bridges, Erica Cox

OLD BUSINESS

Kim Houf provided a PowerPoint presentation with overview of RAC duties, project requirements, and update of previously recommended projects from 2022.

2:00 Chairman, Dennis Purcell called for Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Kim Houf thanked each committee member for their service on this committee and stated this would be the last meeting before expiration of each member. Kim informed the committee that the Forest is still undergoing the submission of the nomination package for new committee members, which will likely take several months.

Kim Houf provided an overview of funds available, a reminder of the committee's role in reviewing projects, and how funds can be used on projects. Copies of project proposals were provided to each committee member for their review and each project manager was asked to give a short overview of their projects, followed by a Q&A and open discussion. The following three projects were submitted: (1)

Caney Day Use Fencing replacement project in Douglas County; (2) Chadwick Motorized Trail System Deferred Maintenance Project in Christian County; and (3) Stream Bank Stabilization in Oregon County.

Project #1 – committee members expressed concerns about metal vs. wood aesthetic, questioned cost per foot, questions about reiteration of need for fence due to increase in OHV traffic in the area.

Project #2 – committee inquired about fees related to site, questioned expense per mile, inquired about volunteer group participation, questions about size and type of equipment to be used, questions about dozer at Sutton Bluff that's operated by private contractor, clarified trail width, questions about contracting process.

Project #3 – committee questions about 404 permits related to work on river, clarification about which Army Corps of Engineers unit would be involved, clarification on total amount for project.

2:35 RAC committee discussed projects and made recommendations to DFO.

Kent Robinson motion to approve Project #3 at full amount, Steven Assenmacher requested amendment to approve at \$24,000, Kent Robinson amended motion, motion seconded by Lisa Stewart. Dennis Purcell asked for any opposition. Hearing none, the motion passes unanimously.

Steven Assenmacher motions \$14,418 for Project #2, \$10,000 for Project #1. No second. Motion dies.

Kent Robinson motions for \$15,000 for Project #1, \$9,418 to Project #2, Steven Assenmacher seconded. Discussion about feasibility if partially funded. Dennis Purcell asked for any opposition. Hearing none, the motion passes unanimously.

3:00 Closing Comments. Kim Houf thanked the committee for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned approximately 3:02 p.m.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Dennis Purcell, Chairman _____

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