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To: Amanda Beal, Commissioner - Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
CC: Logging & Forestry Education Grant Committee
From: Bill Patterson, Deputy Director – Bureau of Parks and Lands
Date: May 19, 2021
RE: Summary and Recommendations – 2021 Logging and Forestry Education Grant Selections

This memo summarizes the process and outcome used for selecting grant awards for the 2021 Logging and Forestry Education Grant Program of the Bureau of Parks and Lands. As required by rule, the committee recommends the slate of grants as outlined below for approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

The Grant committee consists of:

Required Staff Members:

Andy Cutko, Director – Bureau of Parks and Lands
Bill Patterson, Deputy Director – Bureau of Parks and Lands
Doug Reed, Eastern Region Manager – Bureau of Parks and Lands

Invited Committee Members:

Joe Haney – Department of Education
Tony Madden – AW Madden, Inc.
Mike St. Peter – Certified Logging Professionals
Ted Wright – Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands

The Request for Proposals and application were reviewed by the committee and posted on the BPL website as well as distributed via email lists of BPL and the Maine Forest Service. We also emailed the RFP directly to eligible programs for which we had contact information. The RFP was open for five weeks and due on April 21. Eight grant proposals were received for a total request of \$381,339 for \$150,000 in available funding. Grant applications are capped by statute (Title 12 MRSA 1859) at \$50,000 each. One applicant was determined to be ineligible according to BPL rules for the grant program as they are not specifically “approved by Maine Department of Education”.

All seven committee members used an excel format spreadsheet to independently score proposals according to a point system outlined in the RFP. Committee members were encouraged to make notes to accompany their scores. Scores and notes were sent to Bill

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Patterson who compiled and averaged the scores. The review committee met virtually via Teams on Tuesday May 4th from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. As determined by the committee in advance, these scores were then used as a guide for a group discussion of each proposal and a final vote on selection of project awards. After much consideration of the pros and cons of partial vs. full funding, the decision was made to fully fund the top three projects for awards in 2021. The three programs that were selected to receive \$50,000 each are:

Foster Career Technical Education Center – Mt. Blue Region 9, Farmington

Oxford Hills Technical School – Region 11, South Paris

School of Applied Technology – Region 2, Houlton

Recommendations received and approved by:

Amanda E. Beal

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Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Date: 5/21/21