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Aitkin Area Private Woodlands Group

Mission Statement and Business Procedures

The Aitkin Area Private Woodlands Group is a non-profit collection of local foresters, landowners and biologists assembled in 1985 to inform, educate and advocate for woodland owners on issues related to good woodland stewardship in Aitkin County.

The AAPWG is a local chapter of the statewide Minnesota Forestry Association.

The AAPWG meets at least quarterly throughout the year. Meetings typically have between 10-15 people attending from various groups such as SWCD, NRCS, Land Dept., DNR Wildlife and Forestry, American Bird Conservancy, Pheasants Forever and local landowners.

Our main activities are to hold a landowner workshop and field tour each year, with a variety of forestry and wildlife topics presented, and to staff a booth at the county fair where we give away trees.

Decisions on these activities are made by those who attend the meetings using general consensus. Official decisions regarding financials are decided upon by the officers on the executive committee: chair, vice-chair, treasurer, and secretary. Officers are voted upon yearly, at the beginning of each year.

Going forward, committees will be established to handle specific tasks and projects; outreach, fundraising, landowner workshop, fair booth.