Governor Parsons Signs Legislation That Benefits MFPA Members

Over the past two weeks Governor Parsons has signed legislation that directly benefits MFPA members and the overall forest products industry. We were successful in funding the Wood Energy Tax Credit (WETC) at $1,500,000 for FY 2020, which began July 1, 2019. The FY 2020 funding is up $500,000 from last year and is one of only three remaining tax credits left in Missouri. We believe that the Wood Energy Tax Credit has remained viable because we can prove that it actually works and it is a real benefit to the wood industry in Missouri. The credit significantly adds value to the byproducts that are generated from sawmill processing, such as sawdust and wood chips.

MFPA was also successful in adding sawmills to the list of agricultural producers for the purposes of county planning and zoning regulations. Counties that are home to high population cities typically have planning and zoning laws that govern business development, housing, and various infrastructure projects, among others. Over the past few years more and more rural counties, particularly those that border areas with high population cities, are adopting planning and zoning regulations even if the county population is relatively sparse. Rural county planning and zoning regulations often mimic those of much larger populations and can be very restrictive regarding business development and expansion, infrastructure (roads) growth, and can even dictate business hours and operating times. County governments see the adoption of planning and zoning as a mechanism to generate fees and tax dollars. Agricultural operations are protected by state law so they cannot be unduly restricted to conduct their business operations by county planning and zoning regulations. Until now, sawmill operations were not identified as agriculture, therefore all the regulations, fees and taxes that could potentially limit business expansion, operating hours and such were applicable to our members. On June 26, 2019 Governor Parsons signed SB 133 which specifically includes sawmill operations as agriculture and will therefore limit the impacts of rural planning and zoning on member companies.

I would like to once again thank our lobbying team of Nancy Giddens and Shannon Cooper for their hard work representing our interests at the Capitol. Successfully funding the WETC and passing the zoning bill was our two major objectives of the legislative session, and we got them both accomplished. We first proposed the zoning bill two years ago and we finally got it to the finish line this year, and it was not an easy task. I would also like to recognize our Missouri elected officials who represent districts that are home to our wood industries. Please understand that your elected officials (in most cases) clearly recognize the importance of the forest products industry in their district and we have very strong support for our legislative agenda. Thanks Nancy and Shannon, job well done!

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**Old Kinderhook**

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Call the MFPA office for golf registration, sponsorship, and payment at 573-634-3252.

Or email Mark to register at mark@moforest.org

Log A Load for Kids is the charity MFPA contributes to through sawmills and loggers donating the value of truck loads of logs and various members participating in fund raisers that include skeet shoots and golf tournaments. The Log A Load for Kids program raises funds for treatment, education, and research associated with children’s health and these funds are donated to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

Join us during the Summer Meeting for the Missouri Logging Council Golf Tournament Fund Raiser on Saturday for Log A Load for Kids! This event will be held at The Old Kinderhook Golf Resort. Donate any amount to Log A Load for Kids at anytime!

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