



ASSOCIATION of
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PRIVATE LANDS WORKING GROUP

Chair: Ray Aberle (CO)
Vice-Chair: Bill White (MO)

March 11, 2021
10:00 AM- Noon

86th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

Agenda

- 10:00 am Call to Order/Review Agenda – Ray Aberle, Bill White
- 10:05 Introductions
- 10:10 Discuss Charter of Working Group – Ray Aberle, Bill White
- 10:30 Discuss Previous Activities Promoting Private Land Conservation that Led to the Formation of this Working Group – John Morgan, Bill White, Steve Riley
- 11:00 Group Discussion on Next Steps - All
- Continue regional and national symposia promoting private land?
 - Continue organizing socials at AFWA and North American?
 - Conduct survey of states to gauge if progress being made?
 - Develop a guidance document for states to consider when building/expanding private lands programs
 - Define key attributes that make a strong private lands biologist to guide states in their hiring process
 - Discuss training needs at the state and university levels to produce capable biologists. Develop actions based on those discussions.
 - Understanding the scope and scale of private lands conservation: what needs doing and what will it take to do (the scary elephant in the room)
 - Balancing urgency and perfection: conservation planning and design, conservation delivery, monitoring and research.
- 11:50 Recap and assignments – Ray Aberle, Bill White
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