

Governor's Council on Forestry: Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022

Rhineland DNR, Conference Room 3; Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2023, Location TBD		

Minutes

Tuesday, November 15	Supporting Documents	Discussion	Decisions, Action Items, Assignments
9:00 AM Welcome/Intro (Chair Hittle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Jenn Youngblood, CNNF Supervisor Thank you to Michael Bolton & Kenneth Price for their time on the Council. 			
9:10 AM Chair Update, 20 min			
9:30 AM Open Forum for Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th Anniversary Profile Committee Other topics, TBD 	20 Year Anniversary Article Draft November Website Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th anniversary article: will make additional tweaks and add to the council's website. Will put into Dec issue of GLTPA magazine. Website Membership updates: Will be updating membership bios on the website, as well as council letterhead WCFA update: in beginning stages of marketing campaign 	
10:00 AM BREAK, 15 min			
10:15 AM	Carbon Budget Model Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented preliminary results based on forest inventory database from the USFS. 	

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<p>Carbon Budget Model (CBM) of the Canadian Forest Sector Preliminary Results Chad Papa (Michigan State Univ.), 30 min</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input different disturbances (fire, harvest, other natural disturbances) into the model better capture how carbon dynamics are impacted. • In the preliminary results, looked specifically at which species come out as carbon sinks or carbon sources • Compared different scenarios to a business-as-usual scenario to see whether there are management practices to implement to strengthen carbon sink. • The report will be developed after input from state partners. Final report will help inform policy decisions and implement programs. 	
<p>10:45 AM Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) Report Summary, 30 min Andy Stoltman (Economics & Ecology Section Chief, DNR), Brad Hutnik (Silviculturist, DNR)</p>	<p>WICCI Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 forestry working group work plan includes 4 actions: track adaptation projects, incorporate information into silviculture guidance, develop carbon introductory materials, and create a forestry bulletin series. • USDA developed climate change field guides for both northern and southern Wisconsin • Have worked with the forest exploration center on adaptation projects, to be implemented starting spring 2023 	
<p>11:15 AM Trillion Trees Pledge, 15 min Carmen Hardin (Applied Forestry Bureau Director, DNR)</p>	<p>One Trillion Trees Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are different chapters of trillion tree pledges around the world. Gov. Evers sits on the US 1t.org panel. • WI pledge runs 20 years, until 2030. Goal is to plant 75 million trees. Will be relying on a lot of partners to help reach this goal. Will be looking for more opportunities to plant in urban areas. • Wisconsin tree planting map: landowners can submit information on trees planted on their private property. Over 12,000 trees have been tracked this way. • Will be hiring trillion tree project coordinator. • Would like to explore more ideas to celebrate 100 years (2028) of WI school forest program. 	
<p>11:30 AM Lunch, 45 min</p>			
<p>12:15 PM Bat Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update Sarah Herrick (NHC Forestry Liaison, DNR), 45 min</p>	<p>Bat Habitat Conservation Plan Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the northern long-eared bat was listed as threatened, have been operating under the 4d rule • Northern long-eared bat will be listed as endangered at the end of 2022. • Put into habitat conservation plan bat management zones on state lands. No management in June/July. • WI has 150 known roost trees, most were discovered during utility pipeline project • Landowners can apply to join WI DNR's incidental take permit; minimum acreage is determined by bat species. Goal to have landowners enrolled by spring 2023 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advantage of landowners requesting to be on incidental take permit is that they will have legal assurance they are following the law. No requirement to join the incidental take permit. 	
<p>1:00 PM Forest Industry-Wide Strategic Plan: A Vision and Roadmap for Wisconsin's Future Forest Industry, 45 min Kelly Martinson (DNR), Chair Hittle, Vice-Chair Dallman</p>	Forest Industry-Wide Strategic Plan Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Build Back Better (BBB) decision not to award grant to WI, the coalition has continued to advocate for proposed projects, and has obtained \$34M of \$80M phase 3 build back better grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Menominee nation: sawmill expansion \$5M EDA grant ○ Expanding rail service ○ New AMETA center: \$13M, plus \$4M ○ UWSP WIST: new market creation and R&D for \$7.5M • Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology (WIST) is looking to build upon collaborations from BBB grant process. • DNR forest products services team are gathering information on how Wisconsin's industry compares to other states (strengths, gaps, etc.). 	
<p>1:45 PM Break, 15 min</p>			
<p>2:00 PM 23-25 Budget Next Steps, 45 min Jeff Stagg (Budget & Grants Section Chief, DNR)</p>	23-25 DNR Budget Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR request in budget is a request to continue operations. Requesting correction to forestry stewardship: to have unused funding lapses to the primary forestry account every year. • Legislative Fiscal Bureau will come out soon with a better breakdown of funding • Division of Forestry performance measures are requirement of the biennial budget process. These are not meant to be reflective of all the division's work. • Governor will announce budget in mid-February, then Joint Finance Committee will tour around the state to gather feedback. 	<p>Funding Committee will draft letter for governor's office by mid-Dec.</p>
<p>2:45 PM Legislative Updates 15 min</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual legislators are able to submit budget requests. Have until Monday 11/21 to submit those to governor 	

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<p>3:00 PM State Forester Updates 15 min</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working through implementation pieces of strategic direction. • Women’s Forest Congress in October 2022: inaugural meeting of women in the forestry sector. Great to see all the initiatives going on across the nation • Natural Resources Board: September and October meetings highlighted a lot of great projects in DNR and forestry; Pelican River Phase 2 easement approved by NRB. • Laura Buntrock and Olivia Witthun receive NASF award in September for urban economic study • Working to hire two interns in urban forestry through Southern University • Forest Certification: went through ASI (international auditing firm), and waiting for results of that audit. Current contract for SCS global is expiring, will be putting out request for contract proposals. • Chapter 15 on private forestry handbook on school/community forests is out for public comment. • Wrapped up silviculture guide public comment period. Comments will be addressed at the SGT Dec meeting. • Forest regeneration monitoring season ended. Now have two full monitoring seasons, which will provide input into CDAC discussions in spring. This data could come back to COF as well. • Recently hosted representative from Alaska division of forestry on local use lumber grading. • Have limited capacity from our HR staff to process hiring, but have been working through vacant positions as capacity allows. <p><u>CNNF Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have acting deputy supervisor • Sold 134MMBF; 42MMBF sold by state under GNA. Continued weak demand for winter only sales. FY23 goal: 125MMBF • CNNF is one of three forests who have already started process to advocate for future prescribed fires. • Forest service still aggregating public comments on old growth forests. 	
<p>Future meetings</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Plan for 2023 meetings in January, March, May, September, and November 	
<p>3:15 PM Adjourn</p>			