

## **Meeting Minutes**

Wisconsin Council on Forestry  
UWSP – Steven's Point, WI  
September 27, 2012

### **Members Present:**

Bruce Allison, Troy Brown, Randy Champeau, Matt Dallman, Darrell Zastrow (representing Paul DeLong), Jim Hoppe, Henry Schienebeck, Jane Severt, Virgil Waugh, Kim Quast, Jim Kerkman, Paul Strong, Mark Sherman, Rep. Jeff Mursau, Dick Wedepohl, Mark Rickenbach

### **Members Absent:**

Rep. Fred Clark

### **Guests Present:**

Nancy Bozek, Sara Bredesen, Tom Hittle, Gerry Mich, Terrisa Mulder, Tia Nelson, Nicole Potvin, Amy Singh, Samuel Radcliffe, Dick Steffes, Fred Souba , and Mike Carlson

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Schienebeck called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

### **BGH Discussion**

Matt Dallman presented and discussed the draft Biomass Scope Document attached. The Task Force plans to assemble experts to review and recommend changes or support the guides as written. They also plan to assemble an Advisory Committee of stakeholders to review technical and expert recommendations

### **Action Item(s)**

- Council members to review attached Biomass document and provide feedback to Matt Dallman no later than Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Feedback will be taken in to consideration when reworking document at meeting scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012.
- Council members should prepare suggestions for candidates to serve on the Expert Review Team and Advisory Committee. This list will be used by the Council sub-committee and the Technical Committee to select the advisors and experts. Henry asked that, any person(s) recommended to participate by a Council member be previously contacted to ensure they are interested and willing to serve. Suggestions should be sent to Matt Dallman no later than Wednesday, October 10, 2012.



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### **Education Task Force – Update**

The education committee met on September 17, 2012. During this meeting the terms education and outreach were clearly defined. (Note: See attached document). During September's meeting, the task force identified what should be done to promote education, but was unable to identify who should be doing it. Currently there are no established institutions to do so and the idea of a Cooperative (Co-op), similar to that in Minnesota was suggested. Overall, the Council thought the Cooperative option was worth exploration. Troy Brown suggested having the LEAF program develop an adult education program rather than adding a Co-op. Jane S. asked Darrell Z. about the strategic direction of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry regarding education and if the information provided by the task force could be useful. Darrell felt this information to be of great timing and valuable to the DNR.

### **Decision Item(s)**

Task force will meet again before next Council meeting in December to explore various ideas as well as the cost associated with each idea and develop a priority list of possibilities as well as an approach moving forward.



Education Update.pdf

### **Annosum Guidelines**

Kyoko gave a presentation outlining the current situation of Annosum and the critical options in Wisconsin. The attached *Annosum Root Rot Treatment Guidelines for State Lands* document was provided. The Council has been asked to review said document and provide feedback on the six items of concern. The committee has marked their recommendations for each item with a double asterisk.

#### **Action Item(s)**

- Council members to review Annosum Guidelines and provide feedback regarding the six critical issues to [Kyoko.scanlon@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kyoko.scanlon@wisconsin.gov) no later than October 12, 2012. Once received, Kyoko will then compile all feedback and forward summarization to Terrisa Mulder who will in turn submit to the Council.
- Kyoko will send the link to access all available comments to Terrisa who will forward to all Council members for review.

#### **Decision Item(s)**

- Annosum will be added to the December agenda as an Action item. Suggestions will be discussed and final recommendations made.



Annosum Guide  
Options for Forestry |

### **MFL Task Force – Update**

The MFL Task force met on September 10, 2012, where they discussed future meetings as well as possible considerations for changes to the current MFL. The task force did not have any recommendations for improvement/change at this time.

#### **Action Item(s)**

- MFL Task Force to determine suggested changes and be ready for a proposal at December's Council meeting. At the meeting, the council will discuss and if approved, send to the Department or legislature.

### **Timber Supply Task Force – Update**

The Timber Supply Task Force is looking for clarification on what "stacking the volumes" means so they can explore.

### **Deer Task Force – Update**

Jane Severt mentioned that there has been no response to the Council's letter from Chair Henry Schienebeck to the Department. Jane Severt shared that a response was expected from Secretary Stepp's, Executive Assistant Scott Gunderson regarding the Deer report letter that was submitted.

#### **Action Item(s)**

- Paul DeLong to follow up with Scott Gunderson.

### **Stewardship bonding & Conservation easements**

Presentations were given by Sam Radcliffe, Dick Steffes, Nicole Potvin, Amy Singh and Tom Hittle. Sam Radcliffe gave a National perspective regarding working forest easements while Dick Steffes focused on state easements under Stewardship. Nicole Potvin and Amy Singh discussed Wisconsin's Forestry Legacy program and Tom Hittle described current timber management under easement.

### **State Forester's Report**

In Paul DeLong's absence, Darrell Zastrow presented the Division of Forestry's FY' 13-15 State Budget as well as gave an update on the MFL Streamlining project and certification review.

Darrell described the current budget process as well as current forestry account status and the overall submission process of budget initiatives. Finally, Darrell asked the Council to review *FY' 11 Revenue Expenditures* spreadsheet (attached) and provide feedback.

Action Item(s)

- Council to review FY'11 Revenue Expenditures spreadsheet and provide feedback to either [Darrell.zastrow@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Darrell.zastrow@wisconsin.gov) or [paul.delong@wisconsin.gov](mailto:paul.delong@wisconsin.gov) no later than October 31, 2012.

Darrell gave a brief update on the current Dovetail assessment regarding MFL efficiencies. The assessment is complete and DNR is waiting on the final report. The hope is to be able to provide to the Council at the next meeting scheduled for December 20, 2012. The main goal is to determine where there may be inefficiencies.

Darrell announced that Mark Heyde, WDNR is the Lead Coordinator for the Certification Review process and he will be ready to share his information at December's meeting as well.



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Revenue Expenditur

**Next Meeting Date and Agenda – Henry Schienebeck**

The Council will meet December 20, 2012, in Madison, WI.

Agenda items will include:

- Annosum (Action item)
- MFL Streamlining Process – Review Dovetail findings
- Certification process – Mark H. to present

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

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