

Governor's Council on Forestry: January 12 & 13, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Minutes

Wednesday, January 12 th	Supporting Documents	Discussion	Decisions, Action Items, Assignments
2 PM Welcome/Intro (Chair Hittle)			
2:05 PM Best Management Practices for Water Quality & Other Forest Management Guidelines Overview Carmen Hardin (WI DNR)	Overview of Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided overview of Wisconsin's forestry best management practices for water quality: comparison to other states and compliance, history, the Water Quality Advisory Committee, Monitoring • Gypsy Moth will have a name change, likely to come some time in Feb 2022. 	
2:50 BREAK , 10 min			
3:00 PM Federal Infrastructure Bill Overview Colleene Thomas (Sen. Baldwin Policy Advisor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IIJA Section by Section Summary • IIJA Guide to Infrastructure Bill • IIJA Appropriations for Forestry and Wood Products • Congressional Research Service Assistance Programs • Build Back Better Summary of Forestry Provisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided overview of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that has been signed into law and is currently being implemented. • Discussed Build Back Better Act, which is currently being debated in the senate; still have opportunity to provide feedback on this. 	
4:00 PM End of Meeting			

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Thursday, January 13 th	Supporting Documents	Discussion	Decisions, Action Items, Assignments
8:00 AM Welcome & Member Introductions (Chair Hittle)			
8:20 AM Chair Update			
8:30 AM Open Forum for Council Members		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen Bewley: The Council may want to seek out opportunities to connect with campground associations • Jim Kerkman: will out article for council members to populate biographic information. • Ken Price: Would like to consider developing a committee to continue the MFL conversation from the Nov meeting. • Henry Schienebeck: upcoming SFI training is going to be almost entirely focused on endangered species. • Chair Hittle: the Joint Committee Hearing on Forestry recording is available on WiscEye 	<p>COF bios: Jim Kerkman will send out documents asking for information from council members to be placed on the council website.</p> <p>MFL: Ken will work with Buddy and Adena and Jim Warren, to then connect with the Sounds Forestry Committee</p>
9:00 AM DNR Division of Forestry: Strategic Direction Initial Draft Amanda Koch (WI DNR)	Forestry Stakeholder Input Page Division of Forestry Strategic Direction Overview Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of the purpose of the DNR Division of Forestry's Strategic Direction process; the strategic direction identifies priorities for division for the next 5 years and falls in line with priorities identified in the Forest Action Plan (developed every 10 years) • Input period will be from Jan 25 – Feb 25, 2022, will be located on the DNR Forestry Stakeholder Input Page • Once in place, will have annual reviews of the plan to be nimble with changing circumstances. 	Amanda will be coming back to the May COF meeting to present the final Strategic Direct Plan.

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<p>9:30 AM Build Back Better Regional Grants Update Paul Fowler (WI Institute for Sustainable Technology), Stacey Johnson (WI Paper Council)</p>	<p>Build Back Better Regional Grant Summary and Timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the very rare opportunity utilize money from Build Back Better to build a Roadmap • 7 items submitted in the phase 1 narrative; have been awarded money to gather information for the phase 2 application. Have a year to spend the money to get to phase 2. Working with a number of people to prepare the enormous grant application. • Note that this Build Back Better grant is completely separate from the bill that is going through congress. • WI Paper Council is the lead on the grant application 	
<p>9:45 AM BREAK</p>			
<p>10:00 AM Review Draft Report and Decision to Accept: The Future of Wisconsin's Forest Products Economy—A Summary of Focus Group Discussions Matt Dallman</p>	<p>Draft Listening Session Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft listening session report to be posted on the council website • A lot of valuable information in this document that would be great to reference in the build back better regional grant proposal 	<p>Provide feedback on the draft listening session report by Jan 31, giving Matt/Tom authority to incorporate feedback and submit final report. Motion passed.</p>
<p>10:30 AM Decision to Accept: REDS Next Steps/Draft Prioritization Tom Hittle</p>	<p>Draft REDS Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that we don't want overlapping efforts between the REDS process and the Build Back Better Regional Grant process • Pause on planning for REDS. Plan going forward will depend upon outcome of the Build Back Better Regional Grant Phase 2 application 	<p>Next Steps: council start to think about two items that are not suitable for the REDS process, but are important to supporting and enhancing WI's forest products industry. Council to provide thoughts and comments back to Matt/Tom to incorporate feedback and send out the final document.</p>
<p>11:15 AM Legislative Updates</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Bewley has been providing briefs to the supreme court on the congressional maps. Going towards "least change" in the maps. • Sen. Felzkowski and Rep. Mursau will plan on holding future forestry hearings to keep forestry issues in the forefront • MFL bill: have been working with DNR and towns associations to clean up language. Hoping to get the bill wrapped up and signed by March. 	

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<p>11:30 AM State Forester Updates</p>	<p>Jan 2022 Forest Service Report</p>	<p>State Forester Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on addressing concerns about MFL • Forest Tax Law Handbooks are out for review • New DNR Emergency Management Director, Shane Goss <p>CNNF Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on how the funding will be distributed from infrastructure bill are ongoing 	
<p>11:45 PM: ADJOURN</p>			