

## Governor's Council on Forestry: Tuesday, July 19, 2022

*Mid-State Technical College, Wisconsin Rapids*

Council Members		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Hittle, <i>Chair</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Schienebeck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Van Lopik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Dallman, <i>Vice Chair</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Bolton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Berklund, <i>Chief State Forester</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Kerkman	<input type="checkbox"/> Adena Rissman
<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Janet Bewley	<input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Price	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buddy Huffaker
<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Mary Felzkowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acting CNNF Supervisor (Jim Gries)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebekah Luedtke
<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Katrina Shankland	<input type="checkbox"/> Jordan Skiff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Sjostrom
<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau	<input type="checkbox"/> Erik Rantala	
<b>Next Meeting: September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup></b>		

## Minutes

Tuesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Supporting Documents	Discussion	Decisions, Action Items, Assignments
<b>9:30 AM</b> Welcome & Member Introductions (Chair Hittle)			
<b>9:40 AM</b> Chair Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Jim Gries, acting Forest Supervisor for CNNF. Thank you to Paul Strong for all of his time on the council.</li> <li>• Thank you to Rebecca Diebel to all of her work with the council. Wish her the best in her new position.</li> </ul>	
<b>9:50 AM</b> Open Forum for Council Members		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profile Committee: continue to gather biographies from council members. Page views are down on the website. However, most visits are to view the council member page.</li> <li>• Upcoming Forest Industries of the Future Symposium is being made possible by a grant received after the WI Rapids mill closed.</li> <li>• Interest in future discussion on BMPs for Water Quality, as well as information on August 2022 County certification audits.</li> </ul>	

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<b>10:20 BREAK</b> , 10 min			
<p><b>10:30 AM</b> Build Back Better Coalition Stacey Johnson (WI Paper Council)</p> <p>Marketing Roadmap Update Roadmap Team (WDNR, WEDC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Build Back Better: Wisconsin Tree-Imagined</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Build Back Better: Innovation, Leadership, Engagement, Empowerment</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Draft Forest Industry Roadmap Summary</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Draft Forest Industry Roadmap Plan</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Build Back Better Coalition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding recipients for the Build Back Better Grants will be announced in August. Would have up to 5 years to spend the grant funding.</li> <li>• Governance plan is very extensive in the proposal. Used Menominee word for “North Star” in the visual.</li> <li>• All projects will have to be bonded by end of Sept.</li> </ul> <p><b>Marketing Roadmap</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council is very committed to supporting the roadmap, regardless of whether the Build Back Better grant is awarded.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11:15 AM</b> Funding Committee Update Discussion: Council state budget priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FY21 expenditures summary</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">2023-25 Biennial Budget Summary</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Forestry Funding Committee Topics for Prioritization</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed budget process and FY21 Forestry revenues/expenditures. The forestry account has solid revenues that exceeded expenses in the FY21-23 budget. Increasing spending authority through the budget process requires approval from the legislature.</li> <li>• Reviewed topics brainstormed by the funding committee. Change: #8: support workforce innovation grants. Add: marketing and myth-busting.</li> <li>• Suggestion to narrow down to 3-4 specific items/initiatives, especially as we make requests to Joint Finance.</li> </ul>	<p>Council members to provide feedback on funding committee topics directly to Jim Hoppe.</p>
<b>12:15 LUNCH</b> , 45 min			
<p><b>1:00 PM</b> Workforce Innovation Grant Les Werner (Director, WI Forestry Center, UWSP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Workforce Innovation Grant Presentation</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal was to establish career pathway program to gain skillsets and count towards a 2 or 4-year program</li> <li>• Have worked with DNR and Society of American Foresters to collaborate on a certificate</li> <li>• Applied high school, immersion, and apprentice/degree programs.</li> <li>• Will be widely relying on teachers to get the word out on the program.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1:30 PM</b> Legislative Updates</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No legislators present</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>1:45 PM</b> State Forester Updates</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final strategic direction (SD) for next 5 years announced last week. Working on performance measures for the new SD.</li> <li>• Will be working on State Forest Action Plan accomplishments for upcoming COF meeting.</li> <li>• Pilot internship program with Southern University. Wrapping up 8-week internship.</li> <li>• A few tax law position vacancies, looking to fill soon.</li> <li>• Draft tax law handbook updates being worked on; updates will be sent out for public comment.</li> <li>• In a little reprieve in summer season from wildfires. In out of state fire mobilization now, with staff being sent out west to assist with wildfires. Incident Management Team training going on this week.</li> <li>• DNR did two sprays for Spongy moth in late May. DATCP leads those suppression efforts.</li> <li>• Wrapping up forestry technician hire. Actively recruiting field forester class. Wrapping up urban and rural forest inventory analyst position hires. Will be in the process of hiring: field team supervisors, tax law positions, GNA position, area forestry staff specialists, forest products specialist, policy advisors, private forestry outreach, and new geneticist.</li> <li>• State, tax law, and county forest audits coming up in August and September.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2:00 PM</b> Mid-State Technical College Arborist Technician Program <b>Ryan Kawski, Joe Hoffman, Luke Scheberl</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed arborist technician program and toured the facility at Mid-State Technical College</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3:00 PM Adjourn</b></p>			