

# Wisconsin Council on Forestry: Wednesday, Sept. 13 & Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Rantala	
<b>Next Meeting: November 14, 2023, Rhinelander DNR Service Center</b>		

## Minutes

Wednesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Supporting Documents	Discussion	Decisions, Action Items, Assignments
<b>10 AM</b> Welcome/Intro (Chair Hittle)			
<b>10:20 AM</b> Chair Update, 10 min		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Hittle is now retired from his position at Steigerwaldt; reminder to use his new email: <a href="mailto:hittle.tomj@gmail.com">hittle.tomj@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>	
<b>10:30 AM</b> Open Forum for Council Members, 30 min		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GLTPA &amp; WCFA hosting legislative forestry field tour on Sept 25 in Spooner in Washburn County Forest. Goal will be to better familiarize legislators with general forestry operations.</li> <li>• GLTPA and WCFA are also working on marketing campaign. Working with consultant out of Wausau. Will be a series of digital messages on streaming services</li> <li>• American Forest Foundation Carbon Program update: as of July, had 218 people had expressed interest in the program; of those, 129 qualified for a the program.</li> <li>• WI SAF conference coming up: second week of October; oak management focus.</li> <li>• Forest History Assoc of WI meeting in October in Tomah. Fort McCoy and army sawmill focus</li> <li>• GLTPA Expo this past weekend; attendance on par with previous years.</li> <li>• Will likely be a federal hearing in Hayward on road issues; likely touring Hayward DNR nursery.</li> </ul>	

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<b>11:00 AM</b> Committee Updates, 15 min		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound forestry and policy committee met over the summer; heard about spongy moth and forest insects/diseases. Next meeting will focus on food and forests.</li> <li>• Profile Committee: Reviewed recent website stats.</li> </ul>	
<b>11:15 AM</b> Legislative Updates, State Forester Updates, and National Forest Updates, 30 min	<a href="#">Timber Harvest and Inventory Report for DNR State Lands 2021-2022</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nationally, Jobs in the Woods Act: 60 forestry associations have signed on supporting the bill.</li> <li>• <u>State forester update</u></li> <li>• Hosted several regional/national meetings this past summer: Northeast-Midwest State Foresters Alliance, Midwest Prescribed Fire Workshop, Regional Northcentral Forest Pest Workshop.</li> <li>• National cohesive fire strategy, preliminary recommendations to come out soon</li> <li>• DNR HR has gained capacity to support division hiring; will be bringing on new forestry technicians soon.</li> <li>• County Deer Advisory Councils: 16 counties do not have forestry representation.</li> <li>• Certified plan writer courses coming up.</li> <li>• Currently working on handbook updates: plan writing updates to go out for public comment soon.</li> <li>• Public lands handbook updates will be posted in October.</li> <li>• WFLGP funding available for landowners impacted by Pallet fire from this past July.</li> <li>• Hired new tree improvement specialist out of Hayward Nursery.</li> <li>• Have been spraying high-profile state lands for spongy moth. 2024 will likely have similar spongy moth levels as 2023. Counties work directly with DATCP for spraying.</li> <li>• Have received an IRA award; looking to get a project position to coordinate that Urban Forestry funding. Will be looking for NRB approval to spend these funds and award these funds for grants.</li> <li>• Successful 2<sup>nd</sup> summer season with Southern University urban forestry interns.</li> <li>• State drought task force is addressing statewide drought. Year to date, have exceeded wildfire occurrence compared to 10-year average.</li> <li>• Act 166 timber harvest report: total number of timber harvest on state lands and inventory of forest resources on state lands.</li> </ul>	
<b>11:45</b> Lunch, 45 min			

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<p><b>12:30 PM</b> DNR/Council Biennial Budget Outcomes (30 min) Tim Gary, Paul Neumann</p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> Supporting, Developing &amp; Diversifying Wisconsin's Forest-Based Industry (20 min)</p> <p><b>1:20 PM</b> Strategic Breakout Discussions (1 hr 10 min)</p>	<p><a href="#">Budget Presentation</a></p> <p><a href="#">Strategic Breakout Discussion Questions</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed DNR budget outcomes</li> <li>• Reviewed process/outcomes from the Roadmap budget initiative.</li> <li>• Discussed Roadmap options moving forward</li> <li>• Needs in forest industry are a moving target: would like a roadmap to be forward-looking (not current state needs)</li> </ul>	<p>Will bring back outcomes from breakout sessions to the November meeting, for potential decision item.</p>
<p><b>2:30 PM End of Meeting</b></p>			