

Council on Forestry Agenda
April 7, 2015
Tomahawk, WI - Tomahawk Community Bank

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and introductions	Henry Schienebeck
9:15 a.m.	Council Budget & Legislative Issues (continued from March 12 meeting)	All

Discussion of issues identified in January.

Goal of discussion:

- 1) Increase knowledge and understanding of the issues identified by the Council.
- 2) Decide on Council action for each issue (e.g., write letter with Council recommendations, propose alternatives, no action).

Issues: (numbers reflect order from March meeting)

1. MFL (*Kim Quast*)
 - a. Governor's budget proposal re MFL cutting notice review – Council letter to Legislators – (document will be sent via email)
 - b. Dispute resolution process – input from Council stakeholder groups on the proposals
3. Certification (Troy Brown, Earl Gustufson, Mark Heyde)
 - 3 [Certification Survey Report](#)
 - 3 [LSLA Forest Certification Summary](#)
4. Stewardship program (*Matt D., Tom H.*)
 - a. Proposed Council letter - document will be sent via email
5. Audit of the Forestry Account (*Jane S.*)
 - 5 [Forestry account audit and funded positions](#)
 - 5 [FY14 FR account summary](#)
6. Expanding the Council's capacity (*Paul D.*)
 - 6 [Examples of state forestry councils – Minnesota](#)
 - 6 [Examples of state forestry councils - Oregon](#)
7. Increasing the County Forest acreage share payment (*Jane S.*)
 - 7 [County Forest - Acreage Share Payments & Grants](#)
8. Additional provisions in the Governor' budget (*Paul D.*)
 - a. Urban forestry grant program change

- b. Elimination of capacity grants
- c. Other provisions Council may wish to address?

9. Items for discussion as time allows

- a. Incentivizing management on large block forests (Tom H.)
 - 9a [Large ownerships](#)
 - 9a [Large ownerships - Attachment A](#)
- b. Tax credit for thermal biomass heating (*Rep. Jeff M.*)
 - 9b [Draft legislation - Thermal biomass heating](#)
- c. Expanding the manufacturing and agriculture tax credit (Richard W.)
 - 9c [Manufacturing and Ag Credit](#)
- d. Scientific review of guidelines (Henry S.)
 - 9d [Marten BMP public comment](#)
 - 9d [Marten BMPs response to comment](#)

Noon	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	Council Budget & Legislative Issues (cont.)	All
3:00 p.m.	Legislators' Report	Senator Tiffany & Rep. Mursau
3:15 p.m.	State Forester's Report	Paul DeLong
3:30 p.m.	May meeting location and agenda	Henry Schienebeck

May meeting potential agenda items:

- CFLRP update
- Updates from Sub-committees (e.g. Education, Economics, Workforce Development)
- Revisiting Property Tax Incentives (M. Rickenbach) – Fall meeting