




Governor's Council on Forestry - Thursday, May 18th 2017




Forest Products Laboratory
One Gifford Pinchot Drive
Madison, WI




Council Members		Guests	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Scheinebeck, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senator Janet Bewley	Fred Clark - Forestry Stewards Guild	Earl Gustafson - WI Paper Council
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Severt, Vice Chairwoman	<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Tom Tiffany	Darrell Zastrow - Friend of Forestry	John Younce - Stella Jones
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Souba, Chief State Forester	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Zabel	Steve Ring - WWOA	Cory Bruce - Rep. Mursau Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Sjostrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troy Brown	Jessie Augustyn - GLTPA	Robert Peterson - Domtar Paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Kerkman	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Strong	Allison Hellman - DNR	Laurie Gharis - UWSP Center for Environmental Education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Wedepohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Dallman	RJ Wickham - DNR	Andy Hart - NRCS State Forester
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Price	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Hittle	Paul Heinen - TNC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau	Danielle Jones - WEDC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Rickenbach	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Nick Milroy	Tyler Wenzlaff - Sen. Tiffany	

Next Meeting: September 20th (Location TBD)

Minutes

Agenda Item	Supporting Documents	Discussion	Decision/Action Items
9:00 AM Welcome/Intro (Henry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition for Bruce Allison 			
9:15 AM Governor's Proposed Budget Discussion and Council Actions	 '17-19' Executive Budget  Assembly Bill 64  2016 Division of Forestry Fiscal Summ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rep Mursau, Senator Bewely, Dallman, Price and Hittle, expressed their concern regarding elimination of Mill Tax. Jason Sjostrom Builders association (secondary users) supports the elimination. Price said the Consulting Foresters would like to see an audit of the account. Brown said the Mills also feel an audit needs to be done before any cuts to account occur. Kerkman said that SAF is opposed to the elimination and have sent a letter in that regard. 	Motion by Senator Bewley: Council will draft a letter to support maintaining the mill tax as it exists for this budget and request an audit of the forestry account which the COF will use to advise the Governor on the future expenditures of the mill tax account per the role of the CoF Seconded by: Rickenbach Results: Severt - abstained Sjostrom - abstained Kerkman - yes Wedepohl - yes Price - yes Hoppe - abstained Rickenbach - yes Bewely - yes Brown - yes Hittle - yes

			<p>Mursau - yes Dallman - yes</p> <p>Motion Passed</p> <p>Action Item: Henry Scheinebeck and Jessie Augstyn will draft a letter based on the motion. Schienebeck and Jane Severt will send it to Council members who will need to provide comments or indicate their approval by COB on Tuesday. Schienebeck and Severt will send it to Governor and members of the Joint Finance Committee by Thursday, May 25th.</p> <p>Kelsey Pickart will ensure the letter is posted on the CoF website.</p>
<p>10:30 AM BREAK</p>			
<p>10:45 AM Wisconsin Forest Practices Study Recommendations from Teams Implementation Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silviculture (Jim Kerkman) • Seasonality (Ken Price) • Communication/Education (Mark Rickenbach) 	<p> Silviculture Recommendation</p> <p> Seasonality Recommendation</p> <p> Communication and Education Recommen</p>	<p>Sub-committee chairs Implementation Committee Leads presented their recommendations.</p>	<p>Motion by Brown: To accept the recommendations presented by the Silviculture Implementation Committee. Seconded by: Dallman Motion Passed unanimously</p> <p>Action Item: Fred Souba will work with Scheinebeck and Severt to develop a final report for the WFPS. The final report will be sent to Joint Finance Committee, Chairs of appropriate legislative committees and posted to the WFPS website. The report may include a section that includes the next steps that are known at this time, but the final report will not be delayed until all of the next steps are known. The final report will be brought to the Council for their acceptance.</p> <p>Action Item: Scheinebeck, Severt and Souba will take recommendations presented today and decide how to move them forward and who is best to implement. DNR will provide staffing as needed. Scheinebeck and Severt may reach out to the WFPS Implementation Committees for further information and clarification.</p>

			<p>Motion by Brown: The Council accepts the recommendations as presented by the Implementation Committees of the WFPS today.</p> <p>Seconded by: Richard Wedepohl.</p> <p>Motion Passed unanimously</p>
12:00 PM LUNCH			
12:45 PM WFPS Discussion Cont.			
2:00 PM Legislators' Reports		<p>Senator Brewley provided a brief report since there isn't any significant bills related to forestry as of yet. She asked for any questions.</p> <p>Other Legislators were absent.</p>	
<p>2:30 PM State Forester Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI Private Forestry Advisory Committee creation; NR 46 MFL • Administrative Code development • EAB Silviculture Guidelines, HRD update, Oak Wilt Guidelines • Act 166 Report; state lands management updates • Forestry Division org changes; Tax Law Section update • Customer Survey Results 	<p> Act 166</p> <p> Division Org Chart</p> <p> District Map</p>	<p>Introduced RJ Wickham - DNR Tax Law Section Chief: Contact information: (920) 369-6248, email: Richard.Wickham@wisconsin.gov</p>	<p>Action Item: Souba will send a more complete organizational chart to Council members as requested by Wedepohl.</p> <p>Next meeting is September 20th. Council members should hold the 19th as a field day.</p>
3:00 PM Adjourn			