


Governor's Council on Forestry - August 23rd & 24th 2017


Country Inn and Suites
2020 Old Peshtigo Ct
Marinette, WI 54143


| Council Members | | Guests | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Scheinebeck, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Senator Janet Bewley | Kelsey Pickart | Allison Hellman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Severt, Vice Chairwoman | <input type="checkbox"/> Senator Tom Tiffany | Heather Berklund | Dani Jones |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Souba, Chief State Forester | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Zabel | Keith Hardie | Scott Walter |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Sjostrom | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troy Brown | Nancy Bozek | Steve Ring |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Kerkman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Strong | Gerry Mich | Ron Eckstein |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Whedepohl | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Dallman | Andrew Hart | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Price | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Hittle | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Hoppe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Rickenbach | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative Nick Milroy | | |

Next Meeting: November 29th (Location: Madison)

Agenda

| Agenda Item | Supporting Documents | Discussion | Decision/Action Items |
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| Wednesday, August 23rd Field Tour | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at Sentinel Structures at 12:45 • Location: 477 S Peck Ave, Peshtigo, WI 54157 • Tour begins at 1:00 PM • Casual attire suggested w/ comfortable shoes • Q&A Session to follow | | | |
|  History Thesis | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Document: | | | |
| Thursday, August 24th Meeting - Country Inn and Suites | | | |
| Location: 2020 Old Peshtigo Court Marinette, WI 54143 | | | |
| 8:00 AM Welcome/Intro (Chair Schienebeck) | | | |

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| <p>8:15 AM Wisconsin Forest Practices Study Update (Heather Berklund)</p> |  FPS Recommendations_I | <p>An Adhoc team consisting of Tom Hittle, Mark Rickenbach, Ken Price, Brad Hutnik, and Heather Berklund have been tasked with looking at recommendations from the study and reviewing proposed actions, identifying gaps, and determining responsible parties that will take recommendations to implementation.</p> | <p>The team will present their findings at the November Council Meeting.</p> |
| <p>9:00 AM Forest Exploration Center Update (Fred Souba)</p> | | <p>Fred explained the location for the FEC was chosen because many citizens in that portion of the state do not understand the value of forestry for the state of Wisconsin. The property is 68 acres surrounded by development. It will provide many opportunities for surrounding schools and community programs to learn about Wisconsin forests. Fred mentioned that it will not be utilized as a working forest but an education center. Department of Transportation will assist with site prep in 2018.</p> <p>Many council members expressed concern that if the parcel does not have active logging it will not represent timber management and forestry as a whole. Fred clarified that some management may take place as needed. Members also expressed that more forestry representatives should be on the FEC Board to help provide perspective during the planning stages.</p> | <p>Motion made (Jane) that the Council draft a letter to the board of FEC to provide assistance as they develop plans. Mark Rickenbach added that the Council invite the board to a Council meeting to provide an overview of their long-term goals for the FEC.</p> <p>Motion seconded by multiple council members</p> <p>Motion passed by all</p> <p>Action Item: Kelsey and Jane will craft letter to include the two components proposed above.</p> |
| <p>9:30 AM BREAK</p> | | | |
| <p>9:45 AM Update on Dispute Resolution Process (Tom Hittle)</p> | | <p>Tom reported that there have been no disputes thus far and we are 1 year into the program. There are currently 10 experts signed up and plenty of coverage for mediation. Communications regarding the process have been shared through multiple outlets.</p> <p>Some council members expressed that they felt disputes were still happening, they just were not being channeled through the DRP process. Some disputes are related to water regulations, which may account for why Steigerwaldt has not been contacted. There were suggestions that it could be beneficial for water program staff to visit active timber</p> | <p>A report out and annual review will take place in February 2018 at the COF meeting.</p> <p>Tom requested that council members email him with feedback, comments and concerns regarding DRP.</p> <p>Fred will touch base with Environmental Management staff to discuss water permitting and regulation issues.</p> |

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| 10:00 AM Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA) Process (Erin Crain) | | Erin Crain, Deputy Division Administrator of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, provided a brief overview of the benefits of the new ROA process. She explained that it is intended to be a mechanism to more efficiently and quickly make amendments and variances to specific masterplans based on regional feedback from public user groups. | |
| 10:30 AM Approval of Council's Biennial Report (Schienebeck, Severt, Hellman) |  BiennialReport_2015-2016_08152017.pd | Henry would like the Council to have a more active role in the report prior to it being produced to be more accurate and inclusive. Council members made it apparent that they would like to broadly distribute the report so that it can be used as a reference tool in the future. | DNR staff will add a variety of paper grades in the paper portion of the report. Motion made (Henry) to approve the report with the suggested edits. Motion seconded Motion passed. Action Item: Kelsey will craft distribution lists for specified organizations for Henry and Jane to use when sending the report to interested parties |
| 10:45 AM Budget Updates (Fred Souba) | | Representative Mursau mentioned he thought the budget may be signed by the end of the month. He also felt that the Mill Tax was likely to be eliminated. | |
| 11:15 PM Legislators' Reports (Representative Mursau, Representative Milroy, Senator Bewley, Senator Tiffany) | | | |
| 11:45 AM LUNCH | | | |
| 12:30 PM Northern Long Eared Bat HCP Update (Fred Souba) | | First 4 chapters of HCP has been drafted and reviewed. Chapter 5 will be ready for review in October and it will discuss conservation measures. This is the chapter that will be most relevant to the COF. Final draft should be ready sometime in 2018. | |
| 12:45 PM State Forester's Report | | Alignment update: Division of Forestry has been filling vacancies from top down and are | Action Item: Kelsey to send WPFAC Scoping document to council |

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| (Fred Souba) | | <p>currently working on leadership team structure. Heather Berklund is working on a way to track the success of alignment and identify issues that need to be addressed. A more formal complaint process has been initiated for cooperating foresters. The Division will engage WPFAC shortly for feedback and then will go to the public for comment in September. Division is working to develop a birch pole harvest permit to combat increased demand for birch.</p> | <p>Action Item: Fred to follow up on Matt Dallman's concerns regarding a gap in projects/communications.</p> <p>Action Item: Council members to provide comments back to Fred on Annual Report by Friday, September 7th.</p> |
| <p>1:15 PM ADJOURN</p> | | | <p>Adjourn at 12:00 PM Next Meeting will be in Madison</p> |