

## Governor's Council on Forestry - March 28, 2018

Council Members		Guests	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Scheinebeck, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senator Janet Bewley	Rebecca Diebel	Tyler Wenzlaff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Severt, Vice Chairwoman	<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Tom Tiffany	Nancy Bozek	Steven Bertjens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Souba, Chief State Forester	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Zabel	Steve Ring	Brian Kuhn
<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Sjostrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Troy Brown	Ron Eckstein	Mike Warnke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Kerkman	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Strong	Carmen Hardin	Pat Stevens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Whedepohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Dallman (Ann Calhoun)	Drew Feldkirchner	Dan Kleinmeir
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Price	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Hittle	Kristin Lambert	Brad Hutnik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau	Diane Anderson	Joe Arrington
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Rickenbach	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Nick Milroy	Steve Swenson	

**Next Meeting: May 31, 2018 Black River Falls Location TBD**

## Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Action Items
<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Welcome/Intro</b> (Chair Schienebeck)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Pat Stevens, new DNR Assistant Deputy Secretary. Pat Stevens will be working with 3 divisions within the DNR: Fish/Wildlife/Parks, Forestry, and Law Enforcement. Kurt Thiede, DNR's former Deputy Secretary, moved to a new position with the EPA and the new Deputy Secretary is Ed Eberle.</li> </ul>	
<b>8:45 EAB Quarantine Update</b> - (Brian Kuhn DATCP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kuhn is the Bureau Director for Plant Industries at DATCP and works with both forest and agricultural pests.</li> <li>March 30 is the start of a statewide quarantine for EAB, issued by DATCP. APHIS is still working on their federal quarantine but state could move faster. APHIS will continue to manage inter-state movement of ash; DATCP will manage intra-state movement.</li> <li>Landscape bark is not an EAB issue if it is chipped to a small enough dimension</li> <li>Other invasives that may be of future concern: Golden Spotted Oak Borer (CA), Asian Longhorn Beetle (targets maple, along with 60 other tree species. Big potential impact. Have had success eradicating in Chicago, Eastern U.S.), Spotted Lanternfly (APHIS investing \$18,000 in PA; is an invasive pest on Tree of Heaven, detected in other Eastern states this past summer), Velvet longhorned beetle was recently found in WI &amp; MN (came in on Chinese furniture; present in MKE airport area, also found in Chicago area).</li> </ul>	

<p><b>9:15 Forestry Account audit and account expenditures information (Mike Warnke DNR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warnke explained what the Forestry Account expenditures are and how they are authorized.</li> <li>• For emergency situations, if expenditures go beyond the legislature's funding, an emergency fund would be appropriated, and we can seek out that funding if it is appropriate. It is possible to request that the Joint Committee on Finance approve additional spending authority through the 13.10 process for that purpose.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10:00 AM - BREAK</b></p>		
<p><b>10:15 County Deer Advisory Committee - Update on process for meetings this year and need for more forestry reps (Brad Hutnik DNR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern with decision responsibilities being put on CDACs instead of on DNR Wildlife Managers. This may discourage people from joining and staying on CDACs.</li> <li>• Each county's antlerless quota is recommended to DNR by the CDAC. Each CDAC approaches this differently. The number of permits issued is typically greater than the harvest rate because of the low hunting success rate.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10:30 WFPS Updates - Updates on work to accomplish the recommendations (Carmen Hardin DNR); NHI primer and WFPS recommendations re: NHI (Drew Feldkirchner DNR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardin provided written updates on the WFPS recommendations</li> <li>• The format of the Silvicultural Handbook will be reviewed. Will have two focus groups with users in April to hear suggestions regarding the Silvicultural Handbook.</li> <li>• Chapter 24 (tree marking and retention guidelines) Ad Hoc being put together. First meeting will be in late April.</li> <li>• Feldkirchner reviewed WFPS recommendations regarding the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) and provided information on NHI requirements for forest management and how NHI data is used.</li> <li>• There is a public NHI portal available to foresters and contains management recommendations, along with contacts in case of an NHI occurrence on a property. DNR has received positive feedback on use of portal by private foresters and response/assistance by DNR tax law specialists.</li> <li>• If the timber harvest is on private land, not in MFL or FCL, then no requirement to check the NHI database, unless required by purchasing mill.</li> <li>• Large private landowners may find benefit in using a data sharing agreement with the DNR in order to access NHI data.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision: COF will not proceed with EAB cost/benefit study due to the statewide quarantine. Action: Carmen Hardin will be updating her handouts for each COF meeting</b></p> <p><b>Action: Request for contact information for district ecologists. See: <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov">dnr.wi.gov</a> and search key word: ecologist</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM - LUNCH</b></p>		
<p><b>12:45 WI Private Forestry Advisory Committee (WPFAC) recommendations for non-industrial private forest landowner engagement 2018-2022 (Bill Klase UW Extension, Steve Swenson Aldo Leopold Foundation, Diane Anderson DNR &amp; Kristin Lambert DNR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informed Council on the new Wisconsin Private Forestry Advisory Committee and their recommendation for an aggressive 5-year goal of connecting 20,000 new NIPF landowners with a resource professional to move one million acres toward sustainable forestry.</li> <li>• Committee recognizes this is an effort not just by DNR, but needs the whole forestry community to adopt a landowner engagement model.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action: Committee would like to hear back from the council on how the council would like to be engaged in WPFAC and this effort.</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DNR will work in conjunction with other programs like wildlife management. There is recognition of the need to focus on landowner objectives.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1:45 Midwest Governor’s Association - “Maximizing Forestry Resources in the Midwest”</b></p> <p>Attendees share thoughts and take-aways from the event and discuss any potential Council actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council members shared thoughts on the MGA conference in February with most interest in topic of mass timber industry and how other states are working on this.</li> <li>Interest in seeing the state taking more of a lead in promoting mass timber building.</li> <li>The DNR is actively working on supporting mass timber producers in the state. The Division of Forestry held a training last year for architects and builders on mass timber and is registered to vote on International Code Council for wood building rules.</li> <li>Price would like the state to consider using wood in new buildings, as this might help encourage more industry and increase awareness of mass timber in tall buildings.</li> <li>Would like to see if WI state senators and representatives could come up with ideas that the COF can pursue to support mass timber industry.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2:30 State Legislators’ Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wenzlaff suggested the Council should discuss desired initiatives for upcoming budgets consider mass timber building as a priority.</li> <li>There is proposed legislation that would exclude out-of-state landowners from enrolling in MFL. Desire to form a group to develop messaging on this topic if a bill comes back in next session.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3:00 State Forester’s Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gray Wolf in Western Great Lakes States did not get de-listed in the recently adopted federal legislation.</li> <li>New council website: <a href="http://councilonforestry.wi.gov">councilonforestry.wi.gov</a></li> <li>There will definitely be forestry presence in property master plans.</li> <li>Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) goal is to continue to work with private sector and counties to accomplish workload. DNR and CNNF discussing how program income will be used. GNA funds can be used on a variety of projects (forestry and wildlife)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3:30 PM - ADJOURN</b></p>		