

## Governor's Council on Forestry - January 26, 2017

Westwood Conference Center  
1800 Westwood Center Blvd  
Wausau, WI

Council Members		Guests	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Scheinebeck, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senator Janet Bewley	Earl Gustafson	Ron Eckstein
<input type="checkbox"/> Jane Severt, Vice Chairwoman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senator Tom Tiffany	Matt St. Pierre	Al Koepfel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Souba, Chief State Forester	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Zabel	Tom Loveland	Laurie Gharris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Sjostrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Troy Brown	Nancy Bozek	Doug Hill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Kerkman	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Strong	Steve Ring	Steve Kairianen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Whedepohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Dallman	Darcie Howard	Don Peters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Price	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Hittle	Rebecca Diebel	Dani Jones
<input type="checkbox"/> James Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau	Carmen Hardin	Kelsey Pickart
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Rickenbach	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Nick Milroy	Jessie Augustyn	

**Next Meeting: March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Madison, WI**

## Agenda

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions	Action Items
9:30 AM Welcome/Intro (Henry)	Welcome to Jason Sjostrom		
9:35 AM WFPS Status Update (Henry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silviculture Sub Committee: Jim Kirkman (Chair), Tom Hittle, Matt Dallman, Troy Brown, Dr. Demcheck, Terry Strong</li> <li>Seasonality Sub Committee: Jim Hoppe (Chair), Pat Smith, Scott Kerner, Andrew Pronga, Steve Kairianen, Ken Price</li> <li>Communication/Education Sub Committee: Mark Rickenbach (chair), Scott Bovie, Gretchen Marshall, Don Peterson, Steve Ring, Chris Tyles, Ken Zabel</li> </ul> <p>Meetings will start in February to decide how to proceed with results of FPS. Results will be discussed at the May meeting.</p>		

<p>10:00 AM DNR Alignment (C. Hardin)</p>	<p>See presentation posted on Council Website</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmen: double check on pre-qualifier list of contractors, get Nancy a list of hours outside of private forestry investment</li> <li>• Steve ring would like a letter sent to private land owners so that they know who to call if they lose their DNR Forester</li> <li>• Kelsey: Post Carmen's presentation with maps to Council Website ASAP</li> </ul>
<p>10:45 AM Break</p>			
<p>11:00 AM Budget Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A budget initiative is currently being created for Council administrative needs and will be sent to council members electronically for review once it is crafted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters will go to governor, joint finance committee members (remove Jason Sjostrom's name from COF letter head for budget initiatives)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca: incorporate stats about importance and workforce development of Master Loggers to increase merit of the Master Logger Budget Initiative (work with Don Peterson?) include work with private land owners</li> <li>• Rebecca: include stats on importance of getting young kids in the outdoors, particularly females and minorities - consult with Darcie Howard and Laurie Ghariss</li> <li>• Council Members should take current letters and make edits/share as they see fit by February 15</li> </ul>
<p>12:00 PM Lunch</p>			
<p>1:00 PM Continuation of Budget Priorities</p>			
<p>1:30 PM Legislators' Reports</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get budget initiatives submitted sooner than later, no later than end of February</li> </ul>	
<p>1:45 PM State Forester's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmen provided an update on the Land Management Classification Variance (presentation on Council website)</li> <li>• Fred provided an update on the Northern Long Eared Bat HCP (handout posted to Council website)</li> <li>• GNA Update (handout posted on Council website)</li> <li>• Council has been invited to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> Down for Trees</li> <li>• March 15-17<sup>th</sup> CWFA will be in Madison for a meeting and GLTPA would join for a Forestry day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council will plan to have our May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in Green Bay to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> Down for Tress at Lambeau Field.</li> <li>• Create document with percentage on how production is up pre-GNA and specific examples of benefits from the timber sales</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt St. Pierre or Henry: Send Reps and Senators document re: timber sale monies to municipalities</li> </ul>

2:15 PM Adjourn			
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