

WISCONSIN PRIVATE FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WPFAC)

Date: August 31, 2017

Location: Portage County Annex Building, Stevens Point, WI

Attendance: Nancy Bozek, Bill Buckley, Aaron Burmeister, Ann Calhoun, John Exo, Ron Gropp, Earl Gustafson, Shawn Hagan, Andy Hart, Joe Hovel, Buddy Huffaker, Bill Klase, Mary Kluz, Kristin Lambert, Trent Marty, Al Murray, Brandon Soldner, Amanda Swearingen, Steve Swenson, Scott Walter, Jim Warren, R.J. Wickham, Darrell Zastrow

Absent: Dennis McDougall, David Solin

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9:00 - 9:15	Welcome/Introductions/ Review Committee charge R.J. Wickham <i>Informational</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.J. reviewed the committee charge • Jim indicated members can/should drive the agenda 		
9:15 - 9:25	Recap from Last Meeting Kristin Lambert <i>Informational/Recommendation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final/approved Operating Guidelines are in binders • The membership list is also in binder with term recommendations for initial committee terms (staggered per operating guidelines). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments on/changes to initial terms. • No agenda repair. 	
9:25 - 9:50	Updates from Committee Members R.J. Wickham <i>Informational</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members shared brief updates about their organizations. 		
9:50 - 12:10 (with 15	Supporting Outreach to Private Woodland Owners Mary Kluz – facilitator <i>Discussion/Recommendation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim – DNR strategic direction emphasis on NIPF woodland owners • Jim – Do we have a collaborative approach across the state? • Common themes among committee members: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Klase will engage with the Committee to develop an adhoc committee for the purpose of continuing the discussion, discussing next steps, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin will share Steve’s powerpoint when the notes go out. • Bill Klase will ask for participation in an ad-hoc committee via email.

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min break)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EQIP promotion - Transition - Convening people - Collaboration/cooperation • Steve provided a case study from Driftless Forest Network. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are consulting foresters implementing some of the on-the-ground actions landowners are completing? • Steve encourages group to visit Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively (TELE) website: www.engaginglandowners.org • Group exercise resulted in the following as “desired outcomes for engaging private forest landowners”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landowners are educated and engaged - Expanded support for forestry in society - Sustainable forest management - Sustainable forest economy - Permanent land protection • It all starts with increased landowner engagement so we need to support this work. • What does success look like? 		
12:10 - 12:45	Lunch			
12:45 - 2:45	Forest Tax Law – Updating WI Administrative Code Amanda Swearingen <i>Informational/discussion/recommendation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions and Renewals will go out for public comment after the Committee completes review. • Amanda will ask WPFAC at Step 13 of the process about how many public meetings to have, where, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus was reached on all three proposals contingent on feedback from the represented groups. • Comments regarding some reservations will be noted when 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda will send an email out to Committee members so they can solicit input from their organizations on renewals and additions.

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			the recommendations are shared with Fred.	
2:45 - 3:00	Open Forum – Questions for DNR Group <i>Discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When does DNR expect vacancies to be filled? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tax Law Specialists and Compliance Specialist hiring underway – Expect to hire 15-20 Integrated foresters and technicians by approx. 10/1 – Another class of forester recruitment process to begin after January 1st • Will the Committee have input on training and roles for the Integrated Foresters? • We need to talk with organizations and landowners about the change in foresters, who they should be working with, roles, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPFAC will be engaged on new Private Forestry training curriculum • WPFAC requesting something in writing for members to share with their organizations about the roles of Integrated vs. Tax Law foresters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Gropp is leading the training effort and will engage WPFAC at November meeting on curriculum. • Jim & R.J. will lead the effort to get something to Committee members regarding forester roles. • Kristin will share the org charts with WPFAC members.
3:00 - 3:15	Wrap-up Kristin Lambert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Committee meeting to be in November potentially. • Agenda could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Training – UWEX topic – continued discussion – Forester roles – MFL Admin Code – continued discussion • Committee members can always share suggested agenda items • DNR welcomes feedback on how things are going with the Committee – wants it to be successful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be scheduled via doodle poll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin will send doodle poll out with the meeting notes
3:15	Adjourn			

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