

WISCONSIN PRIVATE FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WPFAC)

Date: JUNE 2, 2017

Location: SCHMEECKLE RESERVE VISITOR CENTER, STEVENS POINT, WI

Attendance: Nancy Bozek, Bill Buckley, Ann Calhoun, Ron Gropp, Earl Gustafson, Shawn Hagan, Carmen Hardin, Andy Hart, Joe Hovel, Bill Klase, Kristin Lambert, Dennis McDougall, Al Murray, Brandon Soldner, David Solin, Fred Souba, Amanda Swearingen, Scott Walter, R.J. Wickham

Absent: Aaron Burmeister, Jim Warren

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9:00 - 9:20	Welcome, Introductions, Purpose & Goals of WPFAC Membership & Roles Fred Souba <i>Info/discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee may utilize conference call/skype/email in addition to face-to-face meetings 		
9:20 - 10:10	Review & Approve Operating Procedures R.J. Wickham <i>Decision</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Silviculture Guidance Team (SGT), some had 2, 3, and 4 year terms to start so that the appointments were staggered Scott – it’s important to understand what the process is for a recommendation after it leaves this committee and to keep open communication Carmen – we will explain where we are in the process/what the process is for each item that comes to the advisory committee – e.g. MFL admin code Earl – make sure you give the representative enough lead time to get input from the organization they’re representing Dennis wonders if we want a broader WI perspective for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change USFS to USFS State & Private Forestry in the Operating Procedures & Membership doc Nancy will let her concern stand and see how things go – no need for change chairs at this time Operating Procedures approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristin will work with co-chairs and bring forward a proposal at next meeting regarding how to stagger memberships Kristin will change the USFS listing in the operating procedures to read “USFS State & Private Forestry”

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	Review & Approve Operating Procedures R.J. Wickham <i>Decision</i> <i>CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1</i>	USFS/National Forest Service we may consider another/different representative e.g. from CNNF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmen shared background on Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) and explained that the process for excess timber receipts still being established – Scott mentions that those funds could be used as match or matched for greater impact on private forest lands • Nancy – how will this work if DNR chairs the committee (e.g. if DNR can't take a position on something) • Carmen clarified that this group advises Fred versus the Council on Forestry who is appointed by and advises the Governor • Future option could be to inform COF that this committee exists so that they know they can utilize WPFAC as needed • Scott mentioned some overlap with WI Young Forest Partnership (WYFP) 		
10:10 - 10:30	Break			
10:30 – 11:25	Overview of Act 358 Changes to the MFL Program Amanda Swearingen <i>Info/discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general list of changes resulting from Act 358 was provided • Discussion regarding the rule promulgation process (where we're at) and timeline • Question re: role of WPFAC during the rulemaking process and discussion • Discussion re: yield tax – where 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmen – we can look at WisFIRS and see how the existing data can get us Cutting Notice information before we would build something new in WisFIRS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin share fact sheets that Carmen with WPFAC that discuss economics impacts of Tax Law Program • R.J. will follow up on Cutting Notice evaluation options

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	<p>Overview of Act 358 Changes to the MFL Program</p> <p>Amanda Swearingen</p> <p><i>Info/discussion</i></p> <p><i>CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2</i></p>	<p>does the money go? Concerns about closed acreage fee offset, impacts to communities / municipalities and regional differences within the state</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI encouraged DNR to focus on stewardship plans for people who come out of or are no longer eligible for MFL • Dennis – how are the effects of the changes being evaluated and communicated? • Andy mentioned his goal of having all forestry CAP 106 plans funded through NRCS • Bill – is there a plan to evaluate the new cutting notice approval process compared to what occurred on the ground • Nancy wondered if/how the CN changes are being tracked statewide • Brandon mentioned that FSA does annual audits • AI – maybe additional information should be collected on the cutting report like stand density • Fred reiterated that we can't do everything and this Committee can really help to recommend where we focus our energy on – where we have oversight, where we might step back, etc. • Certification provides a level of audit • Ann-should we tweak the methodology for site selection for 		

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	<i>CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3</i>	certification audits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmen – there has been discussion about expanding the BMP for Water Quality monitoring to include other items 		
11:25 - 11:55	Overview of Federal Forest Stewardship Program Kristin Lambert <i>Info</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI – an info pub for landowners that covers the various programs available to landowners would be helpful and it’s something that could be included in tax mailers via towns 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin will provide powerpoint slides for all presentations to WPFAC • Kristin will develop webpage for WPFAC
11:55 - 12:40	Lunch			
12:40 - 1:15	Overview of Federal Forest Legacy Program Ron Gropp <i>Info</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe – the past committee’s role was to look for lands for Legacy applications – “call for projects” • Scott – Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) could be another option – the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) draws from this • Ann – What is WPFAC’s role especially large vs small holdings • Ron – In 2020 we will be updating our Statewide Assessment and Strategy • Andy – could we overlay the legacy map with the NRCS easement map • Joe – “these easements have everything going for them” 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron will look into HFRP options for easements • Ron will work with Andy on overlaying NRCS easement with DNR easements
1:15 - 2:00	Items on the Horizon Kristin Lambert <i>Discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members shared various thoughts about what DNR can do and what we can do as a collective to engage NIPF landowners and encourage sustainable management 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin will type up the information written on the white board and share with the meeting notes

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	<i>CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The discussion was captured on the white board 		
2:00 - 2:30	DNR Updates Fred Souba / Carmen Hardin <i>Info</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fred provided brief overview of the future state and organizational structure of the Division Carmen provided more detail on the new Division bureaus / sections, led discussion on alignment, vacancies and timeline / process for hiring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, WPFAC members can share the meeting notes with their organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda will share Act 358 information for WPFAC to review prior to next meeting Kristin will share DNR org charts with WPFAC when available
2:30 - 3:00	Wrap-Up Kristin Lambert <i>Discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fred thanked everyone for being there Several people indicated that it will be important for WPFAC to stay engaged (DNR to keep them engaged) in order for WPFAC to stay active/involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017 	
3:00	Adjourn			