

Wisconsin Council of Forestry-
Forestry Invasives Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2006

WI State Highway Patrol Office, Wausau, WI

PRESENT: Fred Clark, Darrell Zastrow, Peter Murray, Dan Peterson, Linda Parker, Becky Sapper, Kelly Kearns, Kris Tiles, Ken Ottman **GUEST:** Dave Liska

Meeting began at 10:00 am

1) Nov. 15 meeting minutes were reviewed.

They were approved with one change to the first table (recreational users), Peter Murray was to contact WI Assoc of Counties and Will Christinason was to contact Wisconsin County Parks.

2) Updates from committee minutes

Darrell updated the committee on 2 positions that will be opening soon. The first is an LTE position that is open until Jan. 12. Part of the position will be committed to supporting the BMP process. The second position is a .75 FTE position for a Forestry Invasive Plant Coordinator. There is no scheduled date for when it will open, but hoping for end of January.

3) Review of draft report

The team reviewed items 4, 5, & 7. There were two suggestions in general. One, the timetables all need to be revised to reflect the current date. Two, there was a suggestion to include recommended next steps in the "Proposed Strategies" section. (These might appear as 4.1a, 4.1b, etc.)

Action Items:

Kelly Kearns and Linda Parker will revise items #4 and #5.

Fred will make minor revisions to item #7.

4) Recreational user invasive BMP track

Linda shared some notes from a meeting with Wildlife Forever. They are interested in submitting a grant proposal that would support the BMP effort. Conversations will continue with them. Also, Dave suggested we also think about the urban natural areas and recreational users.

Action Items:

Each person needs to get contact info (address, phone, e-mail) to Fred for members of the recreational track advisory members they contacted.

The team agreed to postpone the 2/16 meeting until 4/11. To be held in Madison.

Fred will compose a letter to the potential partners thanking them for their interest, soliciting feedback on the process, informational meeting in April and potential start date of September for BMPs.

5) Urban Forestry Invasive Track

Ken provided an update from the Nov. meeting of the Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council (WUFC). They agreed to establish an advisory committee for the UF track. Laura Jull

(UW-Madison) will chair this effort, and may also serve as chair of the advisory committee. Kyle Zenz (BE) will be the facilitator for the advisory committee. It was undecided what place in the line of BMP development the UF track will take.

6) **Forestry Invasive Track**

The advisory committee is pretty much set for this track; however the County Forests Association position is still unknown. Some initial invitation letters may not have made it to the appropriate representatives of each organization. Letters need to be sent to the committee members ASAP to give details and location of Jan 23rd meeting. Included in the letters should be a list of participants and a brief summary/ background on the BMP project.

The Forestry Track will meet Jan 23rd from 10am to 3pm at the Student Center at UW-Stevens Point. Lunch is included. The draft of the agenda is:

10AM: Welcome and Why are we here?- Fred Souba

10:30: Introductions

11AM: Background of FILT

Overview of BMP process

11:45: Charge to the Forestry Invasives Track of BMP process

12:15: Lunch

12:45: Rules of engagement (decision-making process)

1PM: Who is missing from the advisory group? Potential technical staff?

1:30: Introduction to process for BMP development

Brainstorming BMP categories

2:30: Elect chairperson for advisory committee, get potential dates for 6 meetings, and set next meeting agenda.

3PM: End meeting

The team brainstormed a bit about the scope of the forestry track's charge. Notes from the board:

Plants, inverts, diseases

Technical standards/ practices, I&E, monitoring

Audiences: foresters, loggers, landowners, land managers

Activities (focus on human activities): timber harvests (incl. set-up and planning), management planning, forest access (roads & trails development, maintenance and abandonment), cultural activities (planting, TSI, NTFP), wildlife habitat management, prescribed fire, and transportation of wood products.

Action Item:

Team members need to get advisory committee member contact info to Fred ASAP.

No next FILT meeting date was set.

The meeting adjourned at 3pm.

-Submitted by Kris Tiles