

# Private Lands Management Team

Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry

Meeting Date: May 11, 2016

Location: Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center Meeting Room, 2419 North Point Drive,  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Time: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Lunch: Potluck cookout at Schmeckle Reserve

## Agenda

### 1. Introductions/Welcome – Kris Wimpe

- a. Those in attendance include: Kris Wimpe, Tom Piikkila, Bill Buckley, Bill Klase, Jake Elder, Nancy Bozek, Aaron Young, Amanda Swearingen, Darcy Widmayer, Jim Warren, Ron Gropp

### 2. Assignment : meeting minutes – volunteer

- a. Jake Elder to take minutes

### 3. Agenda Repair (Information) – All

- a. Agenda item #11 crossed off, Ron's items moved to afternoon

### 4. PLMT Work Plan Amendment (Information) – Aaron Young/Jim Warren

- a. This was the afternoon discussion.
- b. Aaron provided copies of work plan for PLMT to review
- c. Recent legislative changes have changed some of this past work plans, some items were accomplished by other specialist teams and /or ad-hoc committees.
- d. PF-2 FY14 step 1: establish guidance for DNR Foresters to work periodically with cooperating foresters. Ron Gropp advised this work plan item was completed by PLMT but is still in draft form, it will be released in the Private Forestry Handbook chapter 10 after public comment period.
- e. PF-2 FY15 step 2: FY 15 comment states it is completed, PLMT needs to reference this for output of work accomplished in past FY.
  - i. Discussion on whether PLMT will follow the SD progress report like in the past or develop and propose PLMT's version of a work plan to FOT.
  - ii. FY14,15,16 need to be closed out if anything is hanging out there
- f. Jim Warren – future of PLMT, continuous handbook revisions and updates would take some workload from Central Office, PLMT should work-plan for some of this in August. There was discussion on whether the updates to the handbooks (Forest Tax and Private Forestry) should be undertaken by PLMT, or whether PLMT would provide feedback and input to the specialist working on the revision. The latter is how PLMT has been operating with an example being the recent revisions to Chapter 60 that Kristin Lambert passed through PLMT in her e-mail dated 07/28/2015. The foresters acting as District representatives were also asked by her at that time to seek comment from the foresters they represent. There was also concern whether it is worthwhile for external (non-DNR) members of PLMT to spend their meeting time on handbook revisions.
- g. WFLGP NTE rates will be discussed in August.
- h. Forestry toolkit will be re-visited in August.
- i. Updates to Forestry assistance locator:
  - i. Private vs. Industrial – concern voiced under agenda item 5ciii.

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1. Other examples were brought up about CPW's and Cooperating Foresters who work part-time
2. Conflict of interest discussion and disclosure discussion.
3. Discuss in August whether PLMT will work-plan for expanding on this concern.

### 5. Update internet and intranet web pages: Assignment (Status) – Darcy Widmayer/Amanda Swearingen

#### Internet (externals):

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestmanagement/plmt-cfssubteam.html>

#### Intranet (internals):

[http://intranet.dnr.state.wi.us/int/land/forestry/Forestry\\_Teams/Special/pvt.html](http://intranet.dnr.state.wi.us/int/land/forestry/Forestry_Teams/Special/pvt.html)

- a. Darcy works with landowners and Amanda works with cooperating foresters and certified plan writers; both help with internet and intranet updates.
- b. Amanda – Forest Management Homepage – Internet; changes meet standards set be secretaries office. Updates were done to reduce clutter and update maps.
  - i. Kris Wimme recommended to make forestry assistance locator easier to find with key word search “forester”
  - ii. Foresters can relay problems or ideas for improvement to Darcy and Amanda
  - iii. These changes are still in development and not live yet.
- c. Darcy - woodland owner page changes; broad organizational changes now, more detailed changes in the future to content.
  - i. Changing name from forest landowner to “woodland” owner
  - ii. Friendlier landing page, more broad topics targeted at new landowners instead of active landowners; reference to study on reaching landowners with the right language
  - iii. Nancy Bozek would like individuals that are listed both as industrial forester and private consultant have a disclaimer showing both. Currently there are individuals that are listed as both but if you look at them in the private portion it doesn't reference that they are also in the industrial portion.
  - iv. Question was raised on how many FCL's are active and how long they will last, do we need FCL information on the website or is it irrelevant due to very few landowners in it.
  - v. Complaints against coop's, more info coming and a process that will be developed. Dispute Resolution Process is currently for tax law only, this would create a process for all complaints.
  - vi. Feedback will be collected in the near future; development site link will be emailed out.
  - vii. Question was raised on whether the internet and intranet could be updated immediately for PLMT members and minutes; with Carol's vacancy this has fallen way behind and information is old and inaccurate. Darcy will look in to this.

**6. Consultant Forester Services/Contracting - Assignment (Completed) – Bill Klase**

- a. Assignment completed
- b. Forestry Facts “Contracting with a Consulting Forester”
  - i. Needs to go to FOT for approval before being posted.

**7. Resource Contact List (Status Report) – Ron Gropp/Jake Elder**

- a. Update – Jake will add more to this and provide a more polished version at the next meeting. Clarified this is for external distribution by the DNR Forester, it will also serve as a tool for new forestry staff to get acquainted with their service area.



**Resource Contact  
List.xlsx**

**8. Other business: Ad-hoc for MFL Application Review Checklist – Assignment (Status/Discussion) – Kris Wimpe for Jon Leith & Tom Piikkila, Bill Klase**

- a. Feedback gathered by Tom was that an updated checklist was “not-needed”.
- b. Feedback gathered by Jon was:
  - i. add columns with checkboxes, chronological order coinciding with WisFIRS better, “completion year correct” not needed.
  - ii. arch/nhi check does not need to be on the checklist.
  - iii. evaluate the statement “timber type description correct”; since reviewers don’t have the data to determine if this is correct.
  - iv. Need to add a check for certification “opt-in” form
  - v. Add check for landowners initials and date for changes made
- c. Question for Jim warren; These checklist need updated because of recent bill passed, will PLMT be tasked to update it? If not can plmt provide this feedback to them?
  - i. Answer: application checklist will likely come to PLMT in the future, but the new application needs to be developed outside of PLMT first. PLMT will work plan for this in August.
  - ii. Work plan in August should also factor in unknown assignments that will be deligated to PLMT in the future

**9. NHI - E-mail 02/15/2016, Wood Turtle (Status) – Drew Feldkirchner**

- a. Kris will Ask Drew – question from Nancy B, what is the public input process? Will the committee that WWOA was a part of be called back in to session to discuss the new information that is leading to the delisting?
- b. Discussion about Drew’s follow up from last meeting, email from Drew sent on



2-15-16 NHI Follow-up from  
02 09 PLMT meeting.r

- i. Amanda S will work with Drew to get this information to Cooperating Foresters and CPW’s.

**10. Other Business: Private Forestry toolkit (Discussion) – All**

- a. Forestry Displays, publications, etc... FELT is leading this, on their radar to clean up outdated publications.
  - i. Questions were raised; Can we create a sharepoint site where foresters can put their presentations that they have created and share with others around the state to avoid re-inventing the wheel? Which pubs are available in hardcopy? Feedback was collected by Darcy to take to FELT
  - ii. Who is on FELT? Does each district have a rep? Question for Jim Warren: Can PLMT recommend to FELT that the toolkit is a high priority and should be expedited?
    - 1. Answer: Yes we can, we should send this request to Wendy McCown – Kris Wimme will do this

~~**11. On the Horizon (Status Report/Discussion) – Kris Wimme**~~

- ~~a. MFL Transfers (LEAN Project): On Hold. PLMT will be tasked with Customer Satisfaction Survey (See Goal 2, last item of LEAN MFL Transfer Implementation Plan)~~
  - ~~i. PLMT Volunteers: Kris Wimme, Ron Gropp, others?~~

**12. FY17 meeting dates**

- a. 9am Wednesday August 10, 2016 at Schmeckle Reserve –Joint meeting with CFST
- b. 9am Wednesday November 9, 2016 at Schmeckle Reserve
- c. Tentative: Tuesday February 14, 2017 at Schmeckle Reserve
- d. Tentative: Tuesday May 9, 2017 at Schmeckle Reserve

**13. Additional Question for Jim and Ron:**

- a. Why aren’t externals receiving the forestreporter anymore – Jim will look in to this.