

## **GWTF Meeting, 6.26.08 WPPI**

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**Among those in attendance** – Tia Nelson (BCPL), Roy Thilly (WPPI), Todd Swanson (Ariens), Forrest Ceel (IBEW), Jeff Crawford (FCPC), Kristine Euclide (MGE), Jonathan Foley (UW-Madison), Sally Feistel (USW), Bruce Nilles (Sierra Club), Dennis Dums (CUB), Steve Hiniker (1000 Friends), Todd Holschbach (TNC), Frank Ericson (SC Johnson), Margi Kindig (Citizen), Rick Kuester (WE), John Pearse (GM), Kristin Ruesch (Rep. Phil Montgomery’s office), Bill Oemichen (WFC), Sen. Jeff Plale, Keith Reopelle (Clean Wisconsin), Tom Scharff (NewPage), Susan Stratton (ECW), Barbara Swan (Alliant), Dave Donovan (Xcel), John Vrieze (DBA/Vrieze Farms), Charlie Schrock (WPS), Lynn Wilson (Plum Creek), Chris Patton (Governor Doyle’s Office), Eric Callisto (PSC), Dennis Koepke (PSC), Lori Sakk (PSC), John Shenot (PSC), Amber Storms (PSC), Matt Frank (DNR), Pat Henderson (DNR), Mary Ellen Vollbrecht (DNR), Al Shea (DNR), Caroline Garber (DNR), Allison Hellman (DNR), Ed Jepsen (DNR), Nick Sayen (DNR), Bill Walker (DATCP), Sara Walling (DATCP), Brian Driscoll (OEI), John Larsen (WRI), Nina Plaushin (WPPI), John Clancy (FCPC), George Edgar (WECC), Tom Smies (WPS), Kathy Lipp (Alliant), John Sumi (MGE), Scott Manley (WMC), Pat Stevens (WBA), Bill McClenahan (FCPC), Kris Krause (WE), Kris McKinney (WE), Ed Wilusz (WPC), Todd Stuart (WIEG), Katie Nekola (Clean Wisconsin), Mark Redsten (Clean Wisconsin), Dave Benforado (MEUW), Karen Stevenson, Caryl Terrell (Sierra Club), Share Brandt (WFC/WECA), Jennifer Oeschner (Sen. Jeff Plale’s office), Jonathan Ela (NRB), Beth Bier (Sen. Miller’s office), Steve Kulig (Sen. Sullivan’s office), Chuck Quirnbach (WPR), Todd Richmond (AP), Anita Weier (Capital Times), Roberto Michel, Nathan Hebert (Star Newspaper), Noah Seligman (CWPB)

### **Welcome and Announcements:**

- Chris Patton thanked the Task Force on behalf of Governor Doyle. The Governor looks forward to receiving the final report and recommendations, which will guide his Administration’s work over the next several years. The Governor picked Wisconsin’s “best and brightest” for this Task Force and lots of weight will be given to its recommendations.
- Secretary Matt Frank also thanked members for doing excellent groundwork to help us understand the impact of these issues, and how best to get to the Governor’s goals and play a part in national discussions. He assured all that DNR will continue to be a very close partner in the implementation of recommendations.

### **MGA Update:**

- The cap and trade group met earlier in the week in Minnesota. An update was not provided because nobody present at today’s meeting attended the cap and trade group meeting. All parties in the MGA process are still pushing to reach an agreement in principle by November, but a full model rule/legislative proposal is unlikely by that date.

### **Policy Template Clean-Up and Modifications:**

- Roy Thilly explained the remaining steps for completing the Final Report. The Final Report will have a structure and language similar to that of the Interim Report, as follows:
  - Executive Summary;

- Description of the Task Force's mission, membership, and work process, as well as the GHG emissions inventory and modeling (similar to the Interim Report and will include caveats in accordance with the Interim Report and the approved strawman);
- Brief summaries (~1 paragraph) of each policy recommendation;
- Policy templates attached as an appendix; and
- Report of the Technical Advisory Group attached as an Appendix.
- Drafting of the Final Report will begin with finalizing the policy templates. The process of standardizing and cleaning up the templates is well underway. Most templates only require formatting and proofreading changes and minor clarifications. Agency staff will work with the chairs of each work group to wrap this up as soon as possible. In addition, several new or revised policy templates will likely need to be drafted based on the final outcome of the strawman compromise proposal. Substantive changes are being made to a few other templates based on final comments. Because the policy templates will form the bulk of the Final Report, it is especially important that the template clean-up and revision effort be completed promptly and all the final templates be posted on the website for all to review. Members are asked to review templates as soon as they are posted and not to wait for the draft Final Report.
- Agency staff, working with the Task Force Co-Chairs, have begun drafting the synopses of all the policy recommendations. Most of this work is complete but a number of summaries could not be written until the Task Force finishes deliberating over the strawman.
- Drafting of other parts of the Final Report will commence after today's meeting.
- Task Force members will be sent a draft of the Final Report in advance of the final Task Force meeting July 24. Every effort will be made to give members more time to review the Final Report than the one week they had for reviewing the strawman.

### **Presentation of Revised Strawman:**

- Tia Nelson kicked off this item by focusing on what she sees as the highlights of the Task Force's work. Members appear to be in agreement on tripling or quadrupling Wisconsin's investments in conservation and energy efficiency and CEE and more than doubling our RPS. She also emphasized the importance of strong emission reduction targets and endorsement of a regional or federal cap and trade policy. These steps are critical to establishing Wisconsin as a leader on global warming.
- The Co-Chairs received a lot of comments on the strawman from Task Force members and the public. They were impressed by the thoughtfulness of the comments and did their best to adjust the strawman appropriately. A few key points were mentioned:
  - Conflicting comments were received on nearly every aspect of the strawman, thus it wasn't possible to accommodate every comment or even most of the comments.
  - The more support this strawman compromise package gets, the more likely it will be respected and acted upon as a package.
  - Everyone must accept that this issue is dynamic, new facts and new ideas arise all the time, and people will continue to protect their interests as the process plays out.
  - The Task Force's objective is real progress, not a total solution.
- Roy Thilly explained in detail the revisions made to the first draft of the strawman based on member comments and public comments. A few clarifying questions were asked by members and answered by Thilly.

### **Discussion of Revised Strawman:**

- Task Force members offered their thoughts and explained their positions on the strawman proposal. In a few cases, comments by members prompted the co-chairs to propose further revisions to the text of the strawman, which were then considered by the entire Task Force.
- A number of Task Force members commented favorably on the strawman and indicated their strong support.
- John Pearse of General Motors stated that GM could not support the strawman proposal because of its corporate position on the California Car standards but spoke favorably of the other parts of the proposal.
- Tom Scharff of NewPage stated that he would vote no based on the paper industry's opposition to a cap and trade program and the fact that given the industry's difficult competitive position, he couldn't support policies that would increase paper company costs directly or indirectly.

### **Vote on Final Recommendations:**

- A motion was made by Steve Hiniker to adopt the strawman proposal, as amended by earlier discussion. The motion was seconded by Susan Stratton. The motion passed, 23-3.

Individual votes were recorded as follows:

- Voting Yes
  - Tia Nelson (BCPL)
  - Roy Thilly (WPPI)
  - Forrest Ceel *by proxy to Roy Thilly* (IBEW)
  - Jeff Crawford (FCPC)
  - Kristine Euclide *by proxy to John Sumi* (MGE)
  - Jonathan Foley (UW-Madison)
  - Jon Geenen *by proxy to Sally Feistel* (USW)
  - Emily Green *by proxy to Bruce Nilles* (Sierra Club)
  - Charlie Higley *by proxy to Dennis Dums* (CUB)
  - Steve Hiniker (1000 Friends)
  - Mary Jean Huston *by proxy to Todd Holschbach* (TNC)
  - Scott Johnson *by proxy to Frank Ericson* (SC Johnson)
  - Margi Kindig (Citizen)
  - Gale Klappa *by proxy to Rick Kuester* (WE)
  - Rep. Phil Montgomery *by proxy to Kristin Ruesch*
  - Bill Oemichen (WFC)
  - Sen. Jeff Plale
  - Keith Reopelle (Clean Wisconsin)
  - Susan Stratton (ECW)
  - Barbara Swan (Alliant)
  - Michael Swenson *by proxy to David Donovan* (Xcel/NSP)
  - John Vrieze (DBA/Vrieze Farms)
  - Larry Weyers *by proxy to Charlie Schrock* (Integrus/WPS)
- Voting No
  - Daniel Ariens *by proxy to Todd Swanson* (Ariens)
  - Gary Malkus *by proxy to John Pearse* (GM)
  - Tom Scharff (NewPage)

- Members Not Present for this Vote
  - C. David Myers (Johnson Controls)
  - Henry Steuber (GE)
  - Lynn Wilson (Plum Creek)
- Pursuant to the policy established by the Task Force on voting, members absent for the vote were deemed to support the motion since none commented prior to the meeting in opposition to it.

**Next Steps:**

- Drafting of the final report will begin, as detailed above during the discussion of policy template clean-up.
- The next and final meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for July 24. The time and location have yet to be determined. At that meeting members will be asked to vote on approval of the Final Report.