

Private Lands Management Team
Minutes from May 12, 2015
Schmeckle Reserve, Steven Point

Members present: Kris Wimme, Nancy Bozek, Dave Matheys, Bill Klase, Ron Gropp, Tom Piikkila, Fred Hengst, Aaron Young, Nina Carranco, Jon Leith, Carol Nielsen, and Dennis Hutchison

New members to team: Bill Buckley(WCA) and Jake Elder(DNR Forester)

Others attending: Kristin Lambert and Cathy Burrow

1) Contract for Forester publication –Bill Klase

Contracting for Services Agreement would be a publication for landowners to use for guidance. The document would be finished during the FY. What should be in a contract between a landowner and consulting forester?

WCF association does not support the development of a standardized service agreement template to be given to the landowners. WCF members say there are too many services that they do and all cannot be captured in a template. WCF members also state that they have spent money in attorney/lawyer fees (over the years) to develop their own agreements and do not like the idea of a given template that anyone could use.

WCF would support a list of items for consideration to include in a service agreement a “Nuts and Bolts” type of document. This list should be designed to help the landowner and NOT a consultant with their business operations. The final document could be like a Check List to guide.

There is not comparison between a timber sale contract and a service agreement (BIG difference)

Woodland Owners Association: Could this be included in an update of the Landowner/Forester/Logger brochure

Forest Facts 75 Hiring a Forester might be a starting point. The final document could be a supplement to or even replace old Forest Fact 75 document.

Whatever is developed needs to be incorporated with the Directory of Forester booklet

PLMT members Kris Wimme, Bill Klase, Nancy Bozek and Fred Hengst ??? to look at what is out there/review and will bring back to the August meeting

2) Discussion of WCF Position Statements – Ron Gropp

Standardized Service Agreement Template: covered under item one

Service Providers List: WCF believes that the DNR should not develop a list of service providers unless they (DNR) are willing to require standards for professional providing services.

PLMT had a lengthy conversation on this topic with outcome being a list for DNR foresters to use that includes resources that are Non-Fee. This could be a “Get to Know”, “Resource Contact”, or “General Resource List” list.

Be careful what gets added to the LIST it could get really BIG

PLMT members Ron Gropp (lead), Jake Elder, and Nina Carranco work on by July 2016

System to Monitor Quality: This statement needs better clarification; there might be two separate issues.

Review FOT’s most recent definition of ASSIST

***Look at PLMT notes from a few years back concerning a Coop Forester Tracking system

**Send/offer this position statement to the July 2015 FOT meeting

Ron Gropp will work further on this topic

3) Chapter 60 Tax Law Handbook- Kristin Lambert

This is a complete chapter re-write with 50% done at this time.

PLMT will review at their August meeting

Kristin Lambert will send entire chapter along with highlights before the meeting for members to review, at that point members will be asked to get feedback from the folks they represent.

Additional Kristin is/has worked on the Notice of Investigation (NOI) letters that have needed updating for some time. These letters will be sent to the team for review via e-mail, with comments back to Kristin.

- 4) Process for periodic review/update of WFLGP cost –Carol Nielson and
Cathy Burrow

First review of the Not-To-Exceed rates will be August 2018. People that will work on the review will be the Private Lands and Stewardship Spec (Carol's position), WFLGP grants manager, and one member of PLMT. Every 5 years the NTE rates will be updated using data back 5 years using actual cost data.

Kathy Burrow to look at what % partial payments are made to help decide how partial payments are used in the data analysis. Attachment shows some decisions by PLMT



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- 5) Coop-Forestry sub team vacancy call for nominations- Ron Gropp

Two positions are open and needing to be filled

Peter Anderson position has been extended

WCF has recommended Mike Edder to be added to the team

DNR Foresters leaving the sub-team are Kris Wimme and Jon Leith
DNR Foresters rotating on sub-team are Tom Piikkila and Jake Elder

Next Sub-team meetings are set for July 2015 and January 2016 time and place to be determined

- 6) Cutting Notice Web Page- Kristin Lambert

Kristin reviewed the major changes that occurred after the partner review period. PLMT had minor questions on how some of the pages/topics got arranged. Some wording and layout suggestions were given.

PLMT gave Approval of the Cutting Notice web-page

Now it is on to the Steering Committee and then to FOT electronically for approval. If all goes well it will be live by June 30 2015

Next meeting dates:

August 11, 2015
November 10, 2015

February 9, 2016
May 11, 2016