

Forest Management and Climate & Energy Subcommittee

Monday, September 20, 2010

10:00 AM, Room 300N, State Office Building

Minutes

Present: Bob Krepps, Co-Chair, Steve Betzler, Co-Chair, Senator Ellen R. Anderson, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Charles W. Wiger, Joe Silko

Absent: Senator Kevin L. Dahle, Representative Denise Dittrich, Representative Kent Eken, Representative Carlos Mariani, Mark Johnson, Gene Merriam

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Presentation on the Biomass Availability in Minnesota

Dennis Becker, U of M, presented on the availability of biomass in Minnesota. Specifically he presented on supply and demand issues regarding biomass. The carbon credit markets were also discussed.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

Presentation on DNR Timber Sales Program

Dave Epperly, DNR, presented on the DNR Pine Sales Initiative and forecasts for future markets. The amount of cords of wood offered each year by the DNR was also discussed.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

Presentation on DNR Division of Forestry Staffing and Emphasis for FY2011

Dave Epperly, DNR, presented on the staff reductions due to retirements in the coming years and the emphasis for FY 2011.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

Presentation on Forest Management Leasing

Dave Schuller, DNR, presented on the forest management leasing program. Mr. Schuller summarized recent legislation regarding this topic and the interest level from possible lessees.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

Discussion of Next Steps and Future Subcommittee Meetings

The Subcommittee discussed possible future topics of meeting discussion. These topics include: forest management costs, biomass, and carbon credits

The Subcommittee discussed meeting again, but did not set a date.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Bob Krepps, Co-Chair

Steve Betzler, Co-Chair