

## **TIMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC)**

Meeting Notes

July 16, 2014

Attendees: Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass; Debbie Begalle, Michigan Department of Natural Resources; JR Richardson, Traxys Power; Mark; Steve Shine, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Jerry Grossman, Grossman Forestry; Mike McCuiston, Lowe Foundation; Margaret Minerick, Minerick Logging; Charlie Becker, Plum Creek; Dave Nyberg, Governor's U.P. Office; Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council

The next TAC meeting is in Marquette on August 12. The Governor will be attending this meeting.

### **Biomass Committee**

- Working on policy issues.
- Visiting with Vince Helwig to discuss compliance with new EPA proposed rules for carbon emission

David Nyberg, the Governor's U.P. Office, reported the Governor is going to visit Polatch and then Biogenetics which uses the Polatch bi-products. He will also visit New Paige and cut ribbon.

Jerry Grossman reported the registered forester status was preserved and the Governor laid out a path to the future.

There will be a water quality Best Management Practice audit for the forestry industry.

Scott Robbins will make a presentation at the next TAC