



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Ben Brancel, Secretary

Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council

9:45 am to 3:00 pm

Monday January 7, 2013

WI Department of Agriculture

Board Room, Room 106

2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison

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Agenda

- 9:45 am Refreshments & Conversation**
- 10:00 Welcome, introductory comments**
Agenda review, Minutes approval, Review and set future meeting dates (March 18th or April 1st).
- 10:15 Council reorganization** (review co-chairs and other 'executive committee' roles and make sure everyone's ok in those roles for another year, or request new volunteers)
- 10:30 Term expirations and call for nominations** Terms ending include Rich Lange (farmer seat), Mike Schulist (business seat), Jennifer Casey (consumer seat), and Altfred Krusenbaum (at-large seat).
- 10:45 OAC input for National Organic Coalition meeting with Tom Vilsack**
As part of her role in the NOC, Harriet will be going to Washington, D.C. to participate in a meeting with Secretary Vilsack. She is interested in Council input on the issues they will be discussing with him.
- 11:00 Update on Council priorities (farm bill, GMO, food safety law)**
Updates on where these topics are, potential new topics: Keeping organic acres in the face of high conventional prices, Providing input to the NOSB on NOP standards
- 11:45 Lunch**
- 1:00 pm Planning for booth at the Organic Farming Conference.**
- 1:15 Agency reports** from NRCS, FSA, UW CALS and UW Extension, WEDC, DATCP, WI Technical Colleges, DNR
- 2:15 Old business**
Overview of organic prices (Mike Schulist and others)
Update on status of ADD and Buy Local grant programs (Bridget Holcomb and Teresa Engel, invited)
- 2:45 New business/public comments**
- 3:00 Adjourn**

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