

NEWFC Board – Minutes

January 19, 2011

SCCD Conference Room

Next meeting TBA

Attending board: Lloyd McGee (president), Ron Gray (treasurer), Tim Coleman (secretary), Serena Carlson (executive director), Maurice Williamson, Steve West, Jeff Juel, Phil Carew, David Heflick, Dick Dunton a quorum was present.

Absent Board Members: Bob Playfair, Mike Petersen, Derrick Knowles. Russ Vaagen

Technical Advisory Members: Claudia Michalke, Scott Ketchum

Agenda

1. Review December Minutes
2. Treasurer's report
3. Science Team
4. Committee Updates
5. CFLRP Coordination
6. Title II Grant Proposal
7. East Wedge

Minutes

1. Review of December 2010 Minutes: Maurice motioned and Steve seconded to approve. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

The current checkbook balance is \$6593.71 as of December. Maurice motioned and Tim seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved

3. Science Team

Lloyd pointed out that NEWFC needs to help defray Derek Churchill's (UW) travel costs for participating in the Science Team meeting. Conservation NW is paying his contract fees. Derek will be working with Teri Jain and Russ Graham (USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station) to review mesic restoration strategies. Lloyd's expectation is that Supervisor West will sign off on these strategies next month.

Motion: Maurice moved and Dick seconded to pay for Derek Churchill's travel.

Approved

4. Committee Updates

-- Executive Committee

A. Forest Legacy Roads

Legacy Roads funding can be applied to maintain and restore Colville National Forest roads. For NEWFC this could also mean banking miles of roads, closing some where they are not needed and building new roads where they are. Tim proposed the Coalition support sending a letter to Doc Hastings asking for his support.

B. Recreation Collaboration

Lloyd proposed submitting a grant to National Forest Foundation to support funding an independent recreation collaborative and he said Tri-County Economic Development District might be a good fit for facilitating the process.

C. Stewardship Project Retained Receipts

There is potential for policy change in R6 re retained receipts from Stewardship Projects permitting their expenditure on NEPA and sales preparation and with input by a collaborative group.

D. Tim proposed that Dave act as overall coordinator to keep people on task and provide coordination during construction of CFLRA proposal and strategic direction.

D. Science Team

Lloyd, Jeff, Dave, Maurice and Dick will represent NEWFC will meet with Terri Jain, Russ Graham, Derek Churchill and Forest Service will meet next week to discuss mesic prescriptions through the lens of NEWFC prescriptions and what might need to be adjusted. John Stensgar, Maurice and Lloyd had a conference call with Teri Jain. Teri and John hit it off and she is going to do a field tour on the CCT Res.

-- Project Committee

Kettle Face: waiting for feedback from Science Review Team, then determine level of support from the Coalition – which Lloyd would like to do via email (rather than wait until February. Jeff: is the idea to have our level of support letter before a decision is signed? No, we will wait for the Decision and then follow with our NEWFC support letter. Dave explained typically NEWFC would send a letter of support in advance of a decision. However, this project had lingering issues that were unresolved and the Forest Service released its EA and Objection Period has already passed – which means the project can't be appealed. Dave also clarified the mesic issue is strictly within our Restoration Management Zone.

5. CFLRP Coordination Discussion

Mitch helped edit CFLRP which is due February 11th. We are asking for \$1.58M for 2012. Dave spoke with Forest Service CFLRP committee members to embrace and adopt the Okanogan-Wenatchee restoration strategy in its entirety and the only FS response he got back was that approach made sense. Maurice asked if the Forest Service was willing to pay for a professional review of the “strategy.”

Motion: Jeff motioned and Dick seconded to assign Dave Heflick as NEWFC's coordinator with the Forest Service in preparation of Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Proposal. Approved

Lloyd will be meeting with Forest Service from Malheur National Forest tomorrow to talk about their two collaborative processes that he hopes will help shape our CFLRP.

6. Title II Funds

Misery project is to monitor: Road construction, maint., and obliteration, Stream side buffers, Regeneration harvest prescriptions. Dick and Serena are working with Richard Edwards, USFS OK-Wen, who is program manager, with objective of funding approval by Feb. Then start monitoring plan development with local USFS. Expect operating field season May-Oct, with final report by 1st April 2012.

7. East Wedge

Claudia has received prescriptive guidelines from the Forest Service. All project documents were given to the Forest Service. Technically all requests for data have to be made to the Forest Service. FS has until 4 February to provide guidance. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow to discuss the Proposed Action. It is conceivable that a Decision could be signed off by September that would allow for some fieldwork to be done this year. Lynn Kaney is to write harvest prescriptions in advance of the decision to help expedite field work. Claudia has asked for a justification all new roads. Dave asked for shape files – Claudia said she would look into getting unit polygons and transportation layer. All comments should be sent to the Forest Service.