

## **NEWFC Board – Minutes**

March 16, 2011

NRCS Conference Room

### **Next meeting: April 19**

Attending board: David Heflick, Russ Vaagen (vice president), Ron Gray (treasurer), Tim Coleman (secretary), Serena Carlson (executive director), Maurice Williamson, Jeff Juel, Phil Carew, Bob Playfair, a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Derrick Knowles, Mike Petersen, Steve West

Technical Advisory Members: Chuck Gades, Scott Ketchum

### **Agenda**

1. Review February Minutes
2. Treasurer's report
3. NEWFC Annual Meeting / Board Elections
4. CFLRP Coordination
5. Committee Reports

### **Minutes**

1. Review of February 2011 Minutes with changes: Ron motioned and Bob seconded to approve. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report  
No report for February.

3. NEWFC Annual Meeting and Board elections

Lloyd told Maurice that he does want to stay involved in Board activities. Lloyd will be able to continue to act as board president until such time as a replacement is elected at the Annual Meeting. Russ suggested delaying the Annual Meeting to early May – the board agreed. Tim suggested board meeting chair be rotating among all board members and which would entail getting together a meeting agenda and facilitating meeting – not an onerous task.

4. Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Proposal

Lloyd attended the Regional SAF Leadership Conference where he met CFLRP Advisory Committee members Brian Kahn and Julia Altemus. Both advisors were impressed and supportive of the Colville's proposal. Julia stated that there are only 3 advisors that understand industry issues and 8 advisors from conservation organizations. She also stated that expressing industry perspectives with the advisory group concerning Colville's strong infrastructure is a struggle because of the limited knowledge of the committee. The committee focuses on Landscape restoration strategies with strong ecological emphasis. The Colville strategy would come across better if the ecological discussions were emphasized. Lloyd stated that he believes that the Colville's proposal and strategy documents have a better balance of ecological discussions and infrastructure strengths this year compared to last year's documents.

5. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee

EC has a meeting scheduled with Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers on March 28 and plans to discuss potential legislation, funding for project work and adding existing federal forest lands now in adjacent forests to the Colville National Forest because that would help increase GS ratings and thus retain forest supervisors. Serena will be leaving us in March and EC is actively looking for her replacement and prefers it be someone from Tri County area. Our annual meeting/picnic is usually in June or July, however, due to Lloyd leaving president position the EC is considering holding this meeting earlier in the second quarter – no date is set though May is being considered. Tim is working with motorized recreation group ACT NOW to see about negotiating an agreement regarding recreation use of the Colville National Forest. Media coverage has been good, new opportunities are being explored and ads are being run in local press.

- Projects Committee: Defining variable density thinning parameters are a work in progress. Restoration philosophy: there is a lot of restoration work done on roads and trails in the Restoration MZ and a special concern is lynx habitat. Committee has met several times re the Walker Project: there are no problem with roads and committee has worked with Commissioner Miller re county fire plan challenges by swapping out acres of Active and Restoration zones to address the BPA power line issues, and there are some challenge getting information from the Forest Service.

Kettle Face: our letter to the FS did not indicate that we were in complete agreement except for mesic stand prescriptions. The mesic treatment report will be done April 15.

Forest Service request: FS has requested that NEWFC identify the board member who will replace Lloyd and represent industry's position regarding forestry projects. Maurice is now working part-time for AFRC and NEWFC industry reps agreed that he represents their interests.

**Motion: Russ motioned that Maurice be the point of contact on industry issues and that he represents industry at meetings with the Forest Service, second by Tim. (Passed)**

- Education & Public Relations

EPRC is working to set up meetings with new county commissioners in Ferry and Stevens County to advise them regarding NEWFC priorities and successes. Current media strategy includes a CFLRP and RAC grant press releases, ads in Tri County newspapers and radio ads in Colville. CFLRP press release that came out after our CFLRP proposal was nominated by the RO to move up the ladder. Press coverage included Spokesman-Review and rural weekly papers. Serena would like to remain on the EPRC. Polling re NEWFC has been done and will be discussed next week via conference call.

- Advisory Committee

Steve McConnell has asked to be added to the Technical Advisory Committee. Board is in agreement.

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Lloyd McGee, President

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Tim Coleman, Secretary