

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2012
Stevens County Conservation District

Next meeting: February 16, 9 – 11 AM

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (president), Ron Gray (vice president), David Heflick, Steve West (treasurer), Dick Dunton, Jeff Juel and Maurice Williamson -- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Mike Petersen, Lloyd McGee, Bart George, Bob Playfair Tim Coleman, Derrick Knowles

Technical Advisory Members: none

1. Minutes
Notes from last month's meeting will be distributed by email for approval.
2. Treasurer's Report
Dick moves accept treasurer's report, Steve seconds. Approved
3. NFF grant for hiring NEWFC administrative assistant.
Tim is assisting quite a bit, has informally inquired about possibility of reimbursement for his expenses. Dick points out that Tim's expenses would have to be funded by some designated grant. All are in support of expenses for Tim if we can figure out how to do it.
4. Forest Restoration
More info is coming from Derek in terms of what he presented at the recent Restoration conference put on by SAF and Central Oregon Community College. Once we get that digested, the Taskforce will meet and determine how best to use the information at project level and/or forest-wide restoration collaboration.
5. Power Lake
Project will include an alternative that would exclude the units in our Restoration Zone—which Maurice is not in favor of. An issue unique to Power Lake is that for some reason the CNF is indicating they can't do anything in the LAU. Speculation is that this may be due to the condition of private property holdings within the LAU that have to be factored into the mapping of lynx habitat types within the LAU.
6. CNF Collaboration
By next board meeting the NEWFC Taskforce will report on viability of collaborating with CNF re restoration and make a recommendation re moving forward on our own in the event of a "low-viability" determination.
Motion: Dave moves that we inform the CNF that NEWFC encourages the CNF to proceed with developing a proposed action for the Current Creek CE and we look forward to finding common ground on the proposed action through the collaborative process. Maurice seconds. Approved.
7. NFF collaboration grant
We seem to be missing a copy of the NFF collaboration grant. Ron will check with Tim. Dick will check the NFF web site. If all else fails, Tim will request a copy from NFF.

Review of proposals in response to RFP for collaboration workshop. LJW expressed an interest in being involved in the selection process. Russ: this needs to be nailed down by next meeting on Feb 16. Effort will be made to get more input from LJW at the joint meeting this afternoon.

8. Committee Reports

- **Education & Public Relations:** 1) discussion of the recent article in the Colville paper. Duane wants to have a forum in Spokane discussing the insect issue—perhaps recruit people from the region that have past experience with large insect infestations, such as in the area around Helena. 2) Tim and Ron will be on a conference call with Norm Johnson for a OSU class interview regarding collaboration.

- **Taskforce:** cradle-to-grave (C2G) proposal is approx. 10K acres to be drawn from 50K-acre area located west of LPO Lakes in general vicinity of T31/R41, T36/R41. Purpose and Need for this project would be similar to current CNF projects. Most of the area is AMA. If initial collaboration roughly determines where there would be treatment and where there would not, it will enable the CNF to prepare an RFP.

Russ Vaagen, Vice President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary