

## **NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes**

February 16, 2012

Vaagen Bros. Conference

**Next meeting: March 15 – Board Meeting 10-1 PM @ Vaagen Bros. conference room. Joint meeting will follow 1-3 PM at Colville National Forest conf. room**

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (president), Ron Gray (vice president), David Heflick, Timothy Coleman (secretary), Lloyd McGee (by phone), Jeff Juel, Maurice Williamson and Mike Petersen (by phone)-- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Bart George, Bob Playfair, Dick Dunton, Steve West, Derrick Knowles

Attending Technical Advisory Members: none

### **A. Agenda:**

1. Minute review
2. Willamette Collaborative Workshop
3. Committee Reports
4. NEWFC/CNF collaborative workshop – contractor hiring
5. Tribal Communication
6. C2G
7. CFLRP

### **B. Discussion**

1. Review December 15, 2011 and January 26, 2012, minutes. Russ moved and Ron seconded to approve minutes. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

No report.

3. Committee Reports

-Collaborative Workshop

Jeff presented an overview of the Willamette Collaborative Workshop held in Eugene, Oregon and hosted by the Forest Service. The primary objective of the meeting was looking into revising collaborative engagement in project development. Jeff spoke at the workshop about NEWFC's work in the Colville National Forest. His assessment was NEWFC and Colville NF had in nearly every aspect a much more multi-faceted process in forest management than other forest collaborative groups.

4. Contractor Hiring – Colville Collaborative Workshop

Tim sent out Requests for Proposals to a dozen contractors – most who work within umbrella consultant groups. RFPs sent to multiple contractors resulted in just one proposal coming from those consultant groups. Three proposals were received: 1) Susan Hayman, EnviroIssues from Boise (part of larger Environmental Conflict Resolution group); 2) Betsy Daniels from Seattle (Triangle group) and 3) Lunell Haught from Spokane (independent, Haught Strategies). The executive committee reviewed applications and decided to recommend Lunell Haught for the position based on her experience, location and prior experience.

Workshop is scheduled for April 12 & 13. Location TBA. Likely either TEDD or community college

**Motion: Maurice moved and Jeff seconded to approve hiring Lunell Haught to facilitate the Colville Collaborative Workshop and other duties outlined in the RFP. Approved**

5. Tribal Relations

NEWFC has identified a need to improve communication with tribal government. It's important we work with their process rather than try to get them to fit ours. It would be helpful to raise grant funding to hire a consultant to work with the tribes.

6. C2G

Cradle to Grave concept will be discussed with Forest Service at our bi-monthly meeting set for March 15, 1-3 PM. Location TBA.

7. Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project

The project area that was submitted by the Forest Service is basically their 5 and 10 year projects plan. Russ suggested we work with the Interior Department to get matching funds for Colville Reservation lands. Rodney spoke favorably re including East Wedge in the CFLRP projects but legal requirements limit him to select the no-new-roads alternative. Russ proposed to draft a letter to Laura Jo West asking that funds be used to follow their 5 and 10 year plan and as per NEWFC's collaborative agreements. Conservation Caucus would like to see some significant funds spent on restoration activities and where necessary to bifurcate restoration from active management into separate contracts to meet requirements of CFLRA. Conservation Caucus will meet next week to discuss this issue and Russ' letter and report back shortly thereafter.

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Russ Vaagen, President

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Timothy Coleman, Secretary