

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2012  
Vaagen Bros. Conference

Next meeting: August 22, VBL Conference Room

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (president), Timothy Coleman (secretary), Ron Gray (vice president), Dick Dunton, Maurice Williamson, Bart George, Derrick Knowles, Jeff Juel - a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Mike Petersen, Lloyd McGee, David Heflick, Steve West  
Attending Technical Advisor: Lunell Haught

A. Agenda:

1. Review June Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. State Forest Health Warning
4. Collaborative Field Tour
5. Bylaw Changes
6. New Board Members
7. Board Elections

B. Discussion

1. Minutes: Review June minutes. Maurice moved and Dick seconded to approve those minutes. Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – not available.

3. State Forest Health Warning

State forester Aaron Everett met with the board to discuss the Washington Commissioner of Public Lands forest health "warning" issued in Ferry and Okanogan County regarding damage from spruce budworm and bark beetles. If an "order" is issued landowners will be required to take action - though that at this point that action is not likely. The current warning was issued in Ferry and Okanogan County after a detailed assessment was completed. Prioritization is where risk to healthy forest is greatest, WUI fire risk is high and landowner / collaborative support is present. The state legislature appropriated \$4.3 million to address forest health needs, about half on state trust lands and half on private lands that includes a 50:50 landowner match. Funding for implementation of projects on national forest lands may be made available from the total, up to \$500K. Every forest landowner in affected counties will receive a letter notifying them about the warning. Fuel treatments focus will target smaller acreages with structures while forest health treatments will target larger acreages. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary.

4. Collaborative Field Tour

The tour was attended by 24 people. Tour was to Mill Creek area and the site of proposed A-Z Project. The workshop scheduled for tomorrow at the community college will include collaborative discussion about project parameters. There is a opportunity to

engage ranchers, recreation and other interests in this forest restoration project. The opportunities are many and as such there are the many challenges. Early assessment of potential objectives will help inform development of a Purpose and Need. During the Mill Creek tour the group looked at an active forest management project on private lands within the proposed A to Z Project area. The proposed A to Z Project is a good opportunity to showcase what can be done beyond forestry that sends logs to 5 different mills and other benefits like road access, recreation, noxious weed treatment, protections of clean water, etc.

#### 5. Bylaws Changes

The Board identified the need to change “vote” by consensus to “agreement by” consensus. This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

#### 6. New Board Members

Tricia Woods, Colville Chamber of Commerce was asked to join the NEWFC Board. John Smith, also of the Colville Chamber, expressed interest in joining the board.

#### 7. Board Elections

Board officers must be nominated and voted on each year according to the Bylaws. Dick nominated: 1) Russ for board president, 2) Ron for vice president 3) Tim for secretary and 4) Steve for treasurer. All agreed to serve.

**Motion, Maurice moved and Jeff seconded to reelect as board officers: 1) Russ as president, 2) Ron as vice president, 3) Steve as treasurer, and 4) Tim as secretary. Approved**

**Motion: Jeff moved and Tim seconded to approve reelection of board members up for reelection in 2012: Tim, Dave, Jeff, Dick Maurice and Bart. Approved**

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Russ Vaagen, President

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Timothy Coleman, Secretary