

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2012  
Stevens County Conservation District

Next board meeting: October 23, 10 AM (rescheduled from 10-18)

Attending Board Members: Russ Vaagen (president), Ron Gray (vice president), Timothy Coleman (secretary), Maurice Williamson, Derrick Knowles, David Heflick, Bart George, Jeff Juel, Lloyd McGee - a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Mike Petersen, Dick Dunton, Steve West

Attending Technical Advisors: Tricia Woods, Mitch Friedman

Invited guests: Joy Juelson and Derrick Vaanmarter from Upper Columbia Salmon Board

A. Agenda:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Review August Minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) CCT Meeting
- 5) Forestry Forums
- 6) RAC grant proposal
- 7) Taskforce Committee Report
- 8) Retreat Agenda
- 9) NEWFC Board
- 10) C WA collaborative start up group

B. Discussion

1. Introductions

2. Minutes: Review August minutes. Ron moved and Maurice seconded to approve minutes. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: current checkbook balance is \$3,109.39. Maurice moved and Jeff seconded to approve the report. Approved

4. CCT Meeting

Meeting with the Business Council is set for October 2, 3 PM.

5. Forest Health Forums

- Lloyd would like a couple of Taskforce / board members to participate in Society of American Foresters annual meeting. SAF Forum will be the last week in October. A tour on Sunday will visit VBL, Avista and Kettle Face to demonstrate collaboration and its byproducts.

- The Forest Health Forum scheduled for October 3 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. The intention is to get forest health professionals to dialogue about insects,

disease and utilization on private, state and federal forests. Proposal is to meet at the community college, then disburse to Boulder Pass tour and return after that to the community college for a panel discussion.

- Lloyd and Tim are participating in a Forest Health Working group which is helping to develop pilot projects in Kettle and San Poil watersheds. The group is working on acceptable prescriptions to test on pilot project working groups.

#### 6. Resource Advisory Council Grant Application

Tim filed a grant proposal to the RAC to support expanding community collaboration and beaver relocation but the Forest Service refused to sign off on it and so it was denied an audience with the RAC. The FS has not given an explanation why the proposal was denied.

#### 7. Taskforce Committee Report

Power Lake: The committee was unable to reach agreement about the Power Lake Project. This is the first time the FS has issued a decision prior to working out issues with NEWFC and there were previous objections (prior to decisions) before the FS received a NEWFC letter of support

Republic RD Windstorm Project: Dave suggested that NEWFC should send a letter giving a high level of support. The board agreed.

East Deer Creek Project: Forest Service will be doing CFLRP landscape analysis of this project area.

Current Creek Project (250 Acre): Proposal for a 50 acre regeneration harvest exceeds NEWFC limits for regen harvest (15 acres / max 25 acres in a sub watershed). The opportunity here is the FS could do a Categorical Exclusion following NEWFC guidance to test cost effectiveness / efficiencies of following that guidance.

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act monitoring: Dave and Maurice met with Forest Service staff regarding design of CFLRA monitoring protocols. This specifically deals with the Forest Service's monitoring process. A multi-party component might be part of this. Steve Rawlings who has spearheaded CFLRP is moving to R-6 fire position, Monique is going on maternity leave, Tom Pawley is retiring, Vincent Archer has joined CNF team and specializes in soils and is part of the FS Enterprise Team. Next steps: FS is putting together a monitoring team and the Taskforce will provide input to them.

Churchill Update: Derek is ready to continue to work on forestry prescriptions and will participate in a project field tour in early October.

#### 8. Board Retreat Agenda –

1) 30 minutes overview of Power Lake will kick off restoration zone discussion, 2) wilderness, 3) roads management, 4) recreation collaboration 5) Tribal meeting agenda.

#### 9. NEWFC Board

John Smith was nominated to be a board member at the board's August meeting.

**Motion: Jeff moved and Ron seconded to add John Smith to the NEWFC Board.  
Approved**

10. Central WA Collaborative Start Up

Derrick Vaanmarter spoke about current circumstances of their collaborative group startup. Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board was formed in 1999 (Yakima River to Chief Joseph Dam), includes county commissioners and CCT, has developed scientifically designed 500 projects with community involvement. Derrick, Joy and Lloyd are participating in startup of a central Washington collaborative group. A steering committee of eight has been formed to provide recommendations to the collaborative group that will begin holding meetings early in 2013 to address forest health issues.

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Russ Vaagen, President

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Timothy Coleman, Secretary