

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2012

Vaagen Bros. Conference

Next meeting: April 19 – Vaagen Bros. Conference Room

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (president), Ron Gray (vice president), Timothy Coleman (secretary), Maurice Williamson, David Heflick, Dick Dunton, and Mike Petersen, Derrick Knowles -- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Bart George, Bob Playfair, Steve West, Lloyd McGee, Jeff Juel

Attending Technical Advisory Members: Josh Anderson, Mitch Friedman

Special guest: Patti Orth

A. Agenda:

1. Minute review
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Long Term Planning
4. Committee Reports
5. Wilderness Update

B. Discussion

1. Review February 16 minutes. Dick moved and Maurice seconded to approve minutes.

Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

Current checkbook balance is \$23,109.31. Tim moved and Mike seconded to approve report.

Approved

3. Long Term Planning / CFLRA

- CFLRA: Russ, Maurice spoke with Tracy Beck, Laura Jo, and Steve Rawlins regarding acceptable project parameters. Projects must follow the letter of the law which does not allow new permanent road construction. CFLR project will be used to attain annual timber targets but is not likely given budget cuts to add additional volume. There is a 18% cut in the budget for the CNF in FY 12, so approximately \$400,000 of the CFLRA money will fill the money void that caused by budget cuts. CFLRA fits with NEWFC's restoration zone but not necessarily our Active Management Zone. CFLRA money must be obligated to projects by end of the fiscal year. Four more meetings are planned to work out details..

CNW proposed hiring Derek Churchill to work with FS to develop mesic restoration strategies.

-A2Z Project (formerly cradle to grave): Mike noted IPNF is working on long term plan with their collaborative group and they are using a 2008 CNF guidance doc regarding long term planning (LTP). Mike spoke with Laura Jo about this and she supports LTP collaboration. Russ explained CNF uses a rolling 5-year plan. There is an interlock between CFLRP, A2Z and regular planning.

4. Committee Reports

-Taskforce Committee

Misery Project monitoring is winding down. A final report is due 90 days after project completion. Dick, Bret and Dave are engaged in monitoring and setting its parameters. A public tour is planned to survey project work this spring.

Power Lake - FS asked lots of questions that required more thoughtful consideration than immediate answers. Maurice and Jeff urged modifying Alternative B but FS wants to do a third alternative. FS is doing an assessment.

East Wedge concerns were along the lines of the restoration portion of the project area are not differentiated in practice the way that NEWFC had hoped they were in terms of prescriptions, the use of prescribed fire, etc.

-Education & Public Relations Committee

CFLRP Media: Forest Service requested a single point of contact between NEWFC and Franklin Pemberton re CFLRP media communication. The Board agreed EPRC is established to further media communication and Tim as chair is the single point of contact. Tim will collaborate with other committee members re media/outreach communication.

Commissioners: We need better engagement with commissioners to keep them better informed of our work and address false or misleading information

5. Wilderness Issue

The board is looking into broadening the discussion and looking at options.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 PM

Russ Vaagen, President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary