

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2013
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. Conference Room

Next board meeting: September 19, 10 AM to noon, VBL Conference Room – Bi-monthly meeting with the Forest Service 1-3 PM at the Conservation District.

Attending Board Members: Russ Vaagen, Ron Gray, Timothy Coleman, Maurice Williamson, Matt Scott, David Heflick - a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: John Smith, Lloyd McGee, Dick Dunton, Chris Childers, Bart George, Mike Petersen, Steve West

Attending Technical Advisors: Gloria Flora

A. Agenda:

- 1) Review / Approve July Minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) Coalition Management
- 4) Projects Update
- 5) Expanding Collaboration
- 6) Healthy Forests Forum

B. Discussion

1. Review July Minutes

Review July minutes as amended. Maurice moved and Ron seconded to approve minutes as amended. Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ron distributed a financial report. The current balance is \$24,842.37. Tim moved and Maurice seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report.

3. Coalition Management

Gloria has agreed to provide contract director services to the Coalition. She will put together a calendar and discussion topics in advance of board meetings and review a list of previous discussion topics to determine issue areas that require further attention. Her functions will be similar to Claudia's: prepare agendas, develop a work plan, assist the Executive Committee and prepare job description to include: 1) administrative, 2) executive director.

Motion: Maurice moved and Ron seconded to enter into a short-term contract at \$600/month for administrative purposes. Approved

4. Project Update

- East Wedge

A FOIA was sent to CNF to determine why 2200 acres of PCT and commercial harvest were removed. The CNF apparently removed them because of concern for lynx habitat. David asked for details and looked through project files at Three Rivers. Apparently much of the problem was lynx habitat mapping was done incorrectly. USFWS had raised concerns. David met with Rodney to discuss this issue and came away with confidence in CNF's process. Maurice noted roads issue had resulted in 160 acres being dropped because it is a CFLRP (restoration) project. Additionally, CNF dropped acres that currently provide a barrier to cattle movement into Canada. Maurice noted the cost of fencing was far

outweighed by the value of timber. Engaging range permittees might help alleviate this in the future. Ron advised we be mindful of lessons learned and apply those lessons to future projects. David advised NEWFC do “after action” analysis and document outcomes.

- Deer Jasper

Matt has taken over facilitating collaborative meetings. Russ proposed Gloria take on that role. Power Lake field trip to investigate prescriptions that might be applied to DJ will be held next week.

- Renshaw

So far this project is issue-less. CNF is going to schedule another meeting soon.

- A to Z Project

Josh found a document that suggested Vaagen Bros. Lumber might be in conflict of interest because of their involvement in community collaboration regarding this project. But clearly it's a consensus based process. Laura Jo said project award would be in this fall.

5. Expanding Collaboration

Russ talked to National Forest Foundation staff about extending the grant timeframe. The deadline was August 1. He expects to hear back from NFF soon. Sharon Timko gave a cost estimate of \$16-18K for further collaboration training that would include three instructors. A proposal is to hold an informal gathering the night before the training to help folks get acquainted. The goal of the training is to expand community collaboration into a regional network.

6. Healthy Forests Forum

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers will host a community forum discussion August 23. Duane and Mike will be presenters.

Russ Vaagen, President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary

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