

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2013  
Vaagen Brothers Lumber Conference Room

Next board meeting: April 18 – NEWFC Board and joint meeting with USFS

Attending Board Members: Russ Vaagen (president), Ron Gray (vice president), Timothy Coleman (secretary), Steve West, Mike Petersen, Dick Dunton, Jeff Juel (by phone) - a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: John Smith, Maurice Williamson, David Heflick, Lloyd McGee, Derrick Knowles, Bart George

Attending Technical Advisors: Tricia Woods, Skyler Johnson, Matt Scott, Jason Sappington

A. Agenda:

- 1) Minutes - Review / Approve January
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) Colville Forum
- 4) Taskforce/Projects Committee Report
- 5) Board Development
- 6) Project Coordination - Conditional Letters

B. Discussion

1. Minutes: Review January 2013 minutes. Ron moved and Dick seconded to approve January minutes. Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: current checkbook and bank balance of \$24,892.37 including \$1,109 in general funds, \$2,000 in ED funds. Tim moved and Dick seconded to approve the report. Approved

3. Colville Forum

In appreciation for MCing the forum, the board will gift Wayne Madsen a certificate to a local restaurant. Derrick compiled a report of forum participant survey forms. Tricia thought the Forum went well but next time a roundtable rather than a theatre format might work better. Also, it would be nice to get more sponsors of the next event. The board discussed holding another forum 60 to 90 days out, in Ferry County and with the focus on access (timber, ranching, recreation, firewood). There are so many issues that people care about so narrowing the subject matter will help keep discussions focused. Recreation access issue discussion is best done outside of forestry projects arena. A follow-on forum could also be arranged in Pend Oreille County.

**Action: Tim will set up an Education & Public Relations Committee meeting to determine objectives / agenda for a second community forum.**

4. Taskforce/Projects Committee Report

Power Lake – Jeff spoke with the Alliance for the Wild Rockies about their appeal of this project and the Churchill prescriptions. Mike talked with Laura Jo about it and she said the Coalition needs to send a letter indicating their support for the Churchill strategy.

**Motion: NEWFC will draft a letter of support to Laura Jo expressing support for the Churchill proposal. Mike moved and Jeff seconded. Approved**

**Action: Russ will draft the letter to LJW and distribute to the board.**

- Renshaw Project – This project collaboration will be governed by consensus voting of participants. The first meeting will be held March 7, 9:30 AM at the Kalispel Center. Jeff reported that the draft map has a lot of treatment acres but no roads and includes Lost Creek Roadless Area which is marked on the map as BCM (backcountry motorized).

- Deer-Jasper – Similar to Renshaw but more advanced, this collaborative project extends from the Forest boundary west of Boulder Pass and east to the Forest boundary (all in Ferry County) within the N. Fork Boulder Creek watershed. Four meetings have been held to date. Sections of the Profanity Roadless Area are included within the project area. An objective of this process is to attempt to expedite getting out a proposed action.

Both Deer-Jasper and Renshaw have motorized recreation and ranching folks participating and as such there is an opportunity to strengthen working relationships with those groups.

- A to Z Project – there was a discussion about fire liability being on the purchaser but no decision was made about it.

#### 5. Board Development

Gloria Flora has expressed an interest in volunteering her time, perhaps as a new board member. Ms. Flora was formerly forest supervisor of the Lewis and Clark National Forest and the Humbolt-Toiyabe NF. Russ will contact Gloria to inquire about her interest in participating.

#### 6. Project Coordination - Conditional Letters

The board discussed Dave being the chair of the Taskforce to provide a single point of contact to the Forest Service regarding projects communication. Lessons we've learned about Power Lake communication demonstrate a need to develop a timeline when the Taskforce expects to communicate its conditional level of support to the Forest Service, define communication protocols and set a meetings schedule in advance with the Forest Service. Dave will think over this request and discuss his decision at the next meeting.

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Russ Vaagen, President

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Timothy Coleman, Secretary