

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2013
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. Conference Room

Next board meeting: August 15, 10 AM to noon, VBL Conference Room

Attending Board Members: Russ Vaagen, Steve West, Ron Gray, Timothy Coleman, Maurice Williamson, Chris Childers, Mike Petersen, Bart George, Dick Dunton, Derrick Knowles (by phone) - a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: John Smith, Lloyd McGee, David Heflick, Jeff Juel
Attending Technical Advisors: Matt Scott, Melody Kreimes, Gloria Flora

A. Agenda:

- 1) Review June Minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) Expanding Collaboration
- 4) Silverado Op-Ed
- 5) Spokesman-Review Ed Board visit
- 6) Board Elections
- 7) Executive Director Position
- 8) Agenda for CNF Meeting

B. Discussion

1. Review June Minutes

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

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Expanding Collaboration

Melody Kreimes is heading up the NC Washington collaborative. There was a seminal meeting held at Mission Ridge in June attended by NEWFC board members Russ, Maurice and Lloyd, USFWS, USFS, DNR, DFW, Chelan and Okanogan Counties, tribes, land trust and conservation groups. Russ has been working with Melody on getting the Forest Service Cadre to assist NEWFC in expanding community collaboration. The Cadre is made up of ex-Forest Service, academics and professional collaboration trainers. Rather than just doing a collaboration meeting, we need to bring together other collaborative groups in a networking "summit." Collaborative groups each seem to be inventing their own version of the "wheel." Establishing standard collaborative guidelines adopted by the Forest Service applied to collaborative groups around the country could help alleviate this situation.

Tim is tracking in-kind hours re the NFF grant for board meetings, but it would be helpful to have other collaboration hours beyond board meetings. Please submit hours/dates to him.

Action: Russ will do more research into having somebody with historical collaborative experience help. Talk to NFF about applying to funds to a summit meeting.

NFF grant funding billable expenses can cover costs related to expanding collaboration including: 1) travel, 2) monitoring, 3) administrative support, and 4) professional collaboration.

4. Silverado Op-Ed

Russ submitted an op-ed to Silverado Express in response to an op-ed from Commissioner Mike Blankenship. The piece was a personal response correcting inaccuracies about NEWFC.

5. Spokesman-Review Editorial

Maurice proposed that representatives of the board talk to the Spokesman-Review about NEWFC. Mike agreed to make the contact. Potential discussion points include A to Z Project.

Action: Mike will contact S-R re setting up an editorial board meeting.

6. Board elections

Derrick is not interested in running for the board again but is interested in being on the Technical. Matt Scott has asked to become a board member. Jeff has left the board and a letter is forthcoming in that regard. Russ nominated Dave Heflick as vice president to replace Ron at some point in the near future.

Motion: Tim motioned and Dick seconded to elect to two year terms: Ron, Russ, Steve, Mike, Chris and Lloyd. Approved

Motion: Russ moved and Dick seconded to suspend the rule requiring 15 day notice of the board regarding board elections. Approved

Motion: Tim moved and Mike seconded to elect Matt Scott to the board of directors. Approved.

Motion: Mike motioned and Chris seconded to reelect the current executive board: Russ as president, Ron as vice president, Steve as treasurer and Tim as secretary. Approved

7. Executive Director Position

Gloria was asked if she would be willing to take on responsibilities of NEWFC executive director. Gloria has lots of experience but also lots of demands on her time. She is willing to consider a contractual relationship rather than a staff position.

8. Agenda for CNF meeting

- Introductions
- Laura Jo update
- Russ update
- Hiring the national Cadres of Collaborators
- The current collaborative efforts (Deer/Jasper and Renshaw)
- Cruise / contract /utilization issues
- Opportunities for NEPA efficiencies
- Issues with “one price” scaled sales

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