

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2013
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. Conference Room

Next board meeting: December 19

Attending Board Members & Contractors: Russ Vaagen, Ron Gray, Timothy Coleman, Dick Dunton, Mike Petersen (by phone), David Heflick, Gloria Flora - a quorum was not present

Absent Board Members: John Smith, Lloyd McGee, Bart George, Steve West, Maurice Williamson, Matt Scott, Chris Childers

Advisory Committee: None present

A. Agenda:

- 1) Review October Minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) NEWFC Policy
- 4) Project Updates
- 5) Tackling Big Items
- 6) Other Collaboration Items
- 7) Action Items and Future Agenda Items

B. Discussion – **Action Items in bold**

1. Review October Minutes

Review October minutes as amended. Dick moved and Ron seconded to *tentatively* approve minutes as amended. Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ron noted there was no monthly Treasurer's Report. Sheri Kaebler has been doing NEWFC books for the last couple of years.

Action: Gloria will write a formal letter to Sheri regarding NEWFC check writing policy.

Action: the Board needs to look into getting a full time board treasurer.

3. NEWFC Policy

Russ suggested that Steve be an Executive Committee member-at-large and Skyler would be the board representative.

- Spokesman-Review Editorial Board Visit

Board members who participated in the S-R Ed Board visit felt their visit was exceptional but the editorial was less than hoped for. <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2013/nov/07/editorial-colville-forest-stewardship-program/>

4. Projects Update

- A to Z

The project is generating a lot of controversy in both left and right political circles. Cramer Fish Sciences has contracted with to do NEPA. Mark Teply will talk about the project at the joint meeting.

- Deer Jasper

There is an effort underway to get a consensus letter from the DJ collaborative. There is a draft letter already out there that was drafted by a subcommittee of DJ but which is objectionable to others in DJ collaborative. **It was agreed NEWFC would send a separate letter addressing areas of concern.** In addition, every effort will be made to facilitate consensus agreement with DJ collaborative and communicated to CNF. If the DJ collaborative group will not accept NEWFC's proposed changes we might have to draft a separate letter and note the failure to reach consensus.

- Summit Pierre

The November 19 field trip will be dependent on weather. *Check your email before heading out.*

- Power Lake

Calculations on skips and gaps have been somewhat inaccurate. Meadows were counted as skips, etc. We are looking for better information from the CNF.

- Wilderness & Conservation

Nothing new to report.

5. Budget and Workplan Priorities

- Budget

Gloria will be drafting up a budget.

- Strategic Priorities

Gloria will draft a strategic plan. The MOU with CNF remains incomplete.

- Vision Assessment

Doing a vision analysis is important to developing strategic priorities. Moving forward with the Cadre is one potential priority, and also the board needs to get together informally to brainstorm ideas re future priorities.

Russ Vaagen, President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary

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