

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2013
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. Conference Room

Next board meeting: October 30, 1-2:30 PM.

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

Absent Board Members: John Smith, Lloyd McGee, Mike Petersen, Bart George, Steve West

A. Agenda:

- 1) Review August Minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) NFF Grant
- 4) Executive Committee Report
- 5) Hastings Bill
- 6) Capital Christmas Tree
- 7) SBA Set Asides
- 8) Motorized Recreation

B. Discussion

1. Review August Minutes

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

2. Treasurer's Report

Ron presented a treasurer's report, the current balance is \$23,492.37 including \$1,109.31 in general and \$2,000 in ED fund. Tim moved and Maurice seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Approved.

3. NFF Grant

Russ spoke with NFF about a grant extension re expanding community collaboration. The board Executive Committee and Gloria will meet next week to work out final billing and reports.

4. Executive Committee

The EC meets before monthly board meetings to discuss issues, especially project related issues and determine what issues should be discussed at board meetings. It also allows for executive session. Gloria will be engaged in the future in facilitating EC meetings.

5. Hastings Bill

A discussion regarding the Hastings Bill (HR 1526) covered issues important to NEWFC – what was included and in the bill and what, especially preservation aspects, were not. NEPA is a key issue for everyone concerned, pro and con. A to Z project has been

supported by board conservation interests which they feel is ample enough a demonstration of their support for the timber side of a balanced forest management approach.

6. Capitol Christmas Tree

Vaagen Bros. will provide a crane to put the Christmas tree on the truck but will not contribute financial resources. Russ will put a statement out in local press explaining VBL's decision.

7. Small Business Set Asides

SBA is very important to small mills and is now a key component of Stewardship sales. Russ will draft a letter and ask conservation groups to support it.

8. Motorized Recreation

There is a continuing interest in having motorized recreation interests be part of the coalition and communication with those interests has been ongoing. South End Project remains an area of common interest but there are administrative (NEPA) and conservation issues yet to be addressed.

Russ Vaagen, President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary

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