

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2014  
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. Conference Room

Next board meeting: November 20 – Annual Meeting at K Diamond K Ranch just south of Republic

Attending Board Members: Timothy Coleman, Ron Gray, Russ Vaagen, Maurice Williamson, Dick Dunton, Matt Scott, Mike Petersen (by phone) - a quorum was present

Absent Members: Lloyd McGee, Bart George, David Heflick, Chris Childers, Gloria Flora, Steve West, Skyler Johnson

A. Agenda:

- 1) Review September Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Strategic Updates
- 4) Project Updates
- 5) Action Items
- 6) Executive Session

B. Discussion

1. Minutes Review

-- Review September board meeting minutes.

Review September minutes. **Motion: Dick moved and Ron seconded to approve minutes as presented. Motion Carried**

2. Financial Report

Grant check from NFF has been received and deposited. Russ handed out a financial report created by David. The current bank balance is \$25,110.37.

There is a personal expense form available to submit expenses. Contact Gloria to get a copy.

**Motion: Dick moved and Tim seconded to approve the financial report.**

3. Strategic Updates

-- Farm Bill – JT Austin informed Russ the governor has prepared a letter that will be submitted to USDA re project areas.

-- Strategic Planning – Taskforce -- Tabled

-- Education & Public Relations Committee – The website has been updated but the need to have a recent press release is needed. Tim is waiting to get project information from Kathleen. There is an opportunity to issue two press releases and upload those to the website: 1) Kettle Face monitoring and 2) Also, the committee is working to get a Facebook page up and running. There is money from CFLR to do an economic study, maybe by Charlie McKetta. Maurice is looking into this.

4. Project Updates

South End and Renshaw – A letter of support was submitted re Renshaw.

-- Deer Jasper – Meeting with CNF on November 12, noon to 4 at the S.O. Key issues are 1) clarification of language (ie, salvage, regeneration harvest units) used to describe proposed actions and 2) differences between Deer-Jasper and Renshaw.

The group attending the in-person meeting will meeting at 10:30 AM the day of this meeting.

-- A to Z Project – Mark Teply joined the meeting by telephone and gave a project update. Recent changes include 1) completion of all field work, 2) finalizing harvest unit footprint and stewardship activities – expect that do be done tomorrow, 3) specialist reports are being drafted and will sent to the CNF for review, 4) NEPA docs chapter 1 will be submitted to the FS next week, then chapter 2 will follow suit, 5) early December final draft EA and specialist reports will be sent to the CNF for approval. Expectation is to have documents ready for public review by January. CNF has agreed to a ten day turnaround on any documents submitted by Cramer Fish Sciences. There is a batch of draft prescriptions that will be sent to NEWFC, today.

-- Sherman Pass Project– Jean Lavel contacted Russ about this project, inclusive of BPA power line and Scenic Byway. FS would like to meet with stakeholders October 31, 5, 24 all –day or November 3, 6,7,21 – afternoons. Russ will recommend to CNF to hold this meeting October 31, 10 AM to noon.

-- Adaptive Management Committee – Maurice will look into existing notes and help organize a meeting of the committee. Temp roads are a big issue.

-- Disabled Hunter Program – nothing new to report

-- Annual Celebration – November 20 at K Diamond K beginning at 11 AM.

-- NFF workshop -- Mike, Gloria and Dick will be presenting at NFF’s Missoula conference next week. Gloria will be covering A to Z, Dick will discuss multiparty monitory and, Mike will address challenges to successful collaboration.

-- Fire History and Magmt Presentation – John Marshall did the presentation – attendees reported Marshall had a lot of excellent photo points.

## 5. Action Items, Future Agenda Topics

Gloria prepared a list that was handed out.

## 6. Executive Session

Executive Session was cancelled.

---

Russ Vaagen, President

---

Timothy Coleman, Secretary