

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2014
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. Conference Room

Next board meeting: April 17

Attending board members & contractors : Russ Vaagen, Chris Childers, Timothy Coleman, Gloria Flora, Maurice Williamson, David Heflick, Mike Petersen -- and by phone: Ron Gray, Lloyd McGee and Bart George - a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Dick Dunton, Matt Scott, Steve West

A. Agenda:

- 1) Review February Minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) National Forest Foundation
- 4) NEWFC Strategic Plan
- 5) Project Updates
- 6) Farm Bill Categorical Exclusion
- 7) Wilderness Act Celebration
- 8) Fire Management Seminar

B. Discussion

1. Review Minutes

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

2. Treasurer's Report

Checkbook balance is currently \$96. There is one outstanding invoice for \$600. Vaagen Bros will donate \$6,000 for the purpose of providing for additional 10 months of Gloria acting as Interim Director. The Board was highly appreciative of VBL's generosity!

Fund-raising opportunities: Commissioner Mike Manus forwarded a grant opportunity for \$75,000 but looked more like a research grant. Russ will review and forward to Gloria for assessment with his comments.

3. National Forest Foundation

Gloria did a check-in call with National Forest Foundation staff. NFF staff expressed appreciation of NEWFC's strategy and budgeting.

4. NEWFC Strategic Plan:

Gloria handed out a revised Strategic Plan. The focus is on internal and external tactical strategies to implement organizational mission & goals. External strategies include timber and conservation. The Forest Plan revision is a key area of interest. There is some question as to whether there is value in NEWFC checking in with the Leadership Team or waiting until the draft plan (DEIS) is released. Is there even the opportunity to engage in that process at this point? This is a question for the Forest Service.

Rep. McMorris Rodgers has said she supports NEWFC. Russ recommended that the coalition set up a meeting with her and her staff to talk about future planning direction, forest management and conservation measures.

Action: Schedule a conference call in the next to weeks to fully flesh out strategy for communicating with Rep. McMorris Rodgers.

5. Project Updates

-- Deer Jasper

Rodney said the EA will be out in early April.

-- Adaptive Management Committee

This committee was proposed sometime ago to review project outcomes – such as Summit-Pierre after action review – and to advise future prescriptions. One opportunity to further this process will be to look at projects that occurred 10-30 years ago. CFLRA requires after action monitoring.

-- A to Z Scoping

There is a packet available online with maps and map layers re roads, silv. treatments, etc. Dave asked if NEWFC management zones are being used to inform prescriptive design? Dave has sent shape files to Cramer Fish Science. Road reconstruction is an issue of concern for conservation caucus.

-- S. Fork Boulder Road and South End Project

Conservation Caucus met with motorized recreation interests and some county commissioners. The Caucus filed an Objection of the South End Project Decision and with full awareness of this group. S. Fork Boulder Road closure is an unconnected issue though some of the same people as are involved in South End Project.

6. Farm Bill Categorical Exclusion

Russ drafted a letter to Gov. Inslee. Dave noted his group does not like the categorical exclusion part of this though it does support collaboration part of it. He feels the project areas that gets recommended should to be narrowed. Lloyd believes the DNR will send a letter to the Governor asking for him to prioritize areas of treatment and he advised telling the governor we want collaboration to govern the process and that NEWFC has the Colville National Forest covered. Mike offered to craft an alternative letter. Gloria recommended a “Tale of Two Cities” approach.

Action: Conservation Caucus will redraft the letter to Gov. Inslee.

7. The Wilderness Act Celebration

Tim, Mike and Gloria are involved with Gayne in planning the 50th Anniversary of The Wilderness Act.

8. Fire Management Seminar

There will be prescribed fire seminar and possibly a field trip April 30. There will be a fire management presentation by SAF on a date to be determined in October.

Russ Vaagen, President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary

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