

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2014  
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. Conference Room

Next board meeting: September 18 – this will also be the bi-monthly meeting with the Forest Service

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

Absent Board Members: Steve West, Bart George, David Heflick, Chris Childers

A. Agenda:

- 1) Administration
- 2) Strategic Updates
- 3) Biomass Funding

B. Discussion

1. Administration

- October Ex Com meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

-- Review June and July board meeting minutes.

Review June and July minutes. Dick moved and Mike seconded. Motion Carried. Ron moved and Mike seconded to approved July minutes. Motion Carried

-- Financial Report

Gloria gave a financial report. The current balance is \$3596.11 in the account. The National Forest Foundation grant application was approved. There is a need to an authorization for expenditures. Typically in employment agreements you need prior approval of expenses. There has been some changes to reporting form.

Action will review reporting form and recommend changes to the reporting form

**Motion: Ron motioned and Russ seconded to approve a \$200 expenditure for use at the Collaborative Summit. Carried.**

**Motion: Dick moved and Tim seconded to approve the Financial Report. Motion Carried**

Gloria has applied for travel assistance from Sustainable Northwest conference in Wenatchee.

-- Bylaw changes

a. Sec. 2.1 Executive Director as non-voting ex officio board member: “The Executive Director is an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board and its committees (see Section 7.3).”

**Motion: Tim moved and Dick seconded to approve the motion as presented. Motion Carried**

- Sec 5.1, bi-monthly meeting schedule with Colville National Forest from specified months. Change: meetings will be “held every other month during February, April, June, August, October, and December or as needed.”

**Motion: Maurice moved and Tim seconded to approve the change as presented. Motion Carried**

- Sec. 5.6(c) voting by email. Change: The Executive Committee may deem that certain votes may be taken via email. If email is used for voting, each member must respond from their email of record. Request for email voting will be provided at minimum 2 business days prior to the deadline of the voting.”

**Motion: Ron moved and Mike seconded to approve the Bylaw change as presented. Motion Carried**

Action: Tim will update NEWFC website to reflect Bylaw changes

2. Strategic Updates

- Biomass Funding

Russ, et al are investigating potential opportunities from Sustainable Northwest biomass funding.

- Kettle River Options

- Farm Bill

Recap of request from Commissioner Goldmark’s office to nominate areas/projects within Tri-County area. Agreement was to nominate central CNF (between Colville and Pend Oreille rivers). That recommendation was communicated to Aaron Everett from the Commissioner’s. Mr. Everett asked that additional areas in Kettle and San Poil watersheds be considered. The Tribe has petitioned the CNF to pay for NEPA re Nine Iron Project that overlaps tribal lands. Russ: CFLR in general addresses restoration issues in Ferry County. The question is do we want to add the foothills outside the WUI surrounding Republic? CFLRA offers a higher degree of specificity re what happens on the ground.

Action: Russ will draft a letter to Aaron and share that with the board and then transmit a final letter to him.

- Strategic Planning

A strategic planning meeting will be held Monday at the Colville Library, 1-5 PM. Committee structure will be discussed at that time.

- WA Collaborative Meeting

This meeting will be Sept 8 & 9. Each collaborative will be asked to give a 15-20 minute presentation. Gloria recommended that all NEWFC participants give a 360 overview. Gloria, Maurice, Lloyd and possibly Ron and Russ will be attending.

Action: Tim send Gloria NEWFC PowerPoint

3. Project Updates

Renshaw – there is a public meeting scheduled...

-- Deer Jasper – There were some comments from Stevens County Cattleman’s Association re NEWFC allegedly taking anti-ATV position. This is incorrect.

-- Monitoring Trip: Matsen Creek was recommended as a field trip and holding our September meeting with the CNF in the field at this project location.

Action: Gloria will contact Laura Jo to arrange a field monitoring trip in September.

#### 5. Action Updates, Future Agenda Topics

-- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act Film Festival: There is an event scheduled in Colville, September 25, 6:30 PM at the Community College theatre. Mike is setting up a show in Spokane and Tim is expecting the schedule shows in Republic and Twisp. The festival is cosponsored by The Lands Council, Kettle Range Conservation Group and the Colville National Forest.

-- A to Z Project – a field tour will follow the board meeting today, beginning at 1 PM.

-- September CNF/NEWFC meeting: Please let Gloria know of agenda items for the Joint Meeting.

-- Annual NEWFC Event & Picnic – this is a work in progress. Gloria sent out a Doodle poll.

#### 6. Executive Session

No session was held.

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Russ Vaagen, President

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Timothy Coleman, Secretary