

NEWFC Board – Minutes
December 21, 2010
NRCS Conference Room
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January 19, 1 PM, joint meeting of NEWFC and Forest Service

Attending board: Lloyd McGee (president)), Russ Vaagen (vice president), Ron Gray (treasurer), Tim Coleman (secretary), Serena Carlson (executive director), Maurice Williamson, Steve West, Jeff Juel (by phone); a quorum was present.

Absent Board Members: Bob Playfair, David Heflick, Mike Petersen, Dick Dunton, Derrick Knowles, Phil Carew

Technical Advisory Members: Claudia Michalke

Agenda

1. Review November Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's report
3. Executive Committee Update
4. East Wedge Project

Minutes

1. Review of November 2010 Minutes: Maurice motioned and Steve seconded to approve them. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

The current checkbook balance is \$4293.71 as of October 30. Tim motioned and Maurice seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved

3. Executive Committee Update

Ex Com met Wednesday, December 15 and reported the following for further discussion.

A) CFLRP

The coalition has formed a committee to oversee develop of a proposal. The Prospectus for our proposal is due January 4 and final proposal due by end of February. The committee will develop forest restoration parameters of a proposal that is a refinement of the proposal submitted for 2010 that was unsuccessful. Broadening our collaborative approach in include other forests and regions is another consideration. Interior Columbia Ecosystem Management Project was built on an ecosystem approach, the idea being working at regional scale with similar social/political and forests. Our proposal needs to include reference to work of the Coalition members to build support with peer organizations throughout the Northwest.

Note: Mike Poulson wants to set a meeting with Laura Jo for either Jan. 3, 5 or 6. Lloyd suggested we go for Jan. 3 since we've already got a meeting set with Laura Jo that day. Jan. 5 is first meeting with Forest Service Re CFLRP.

B) New Congress / USDA meeting

A meeting is scheduled with Undersecretary Harris Sherman in January. This trip is necessary to firm up relationship with Mr. Sherman (and the Delegation) following the Coalition's meeting with him in November.

C) Stewardship Contracting

The Forest Service has the legal authority to use retained receipts to do NEPA and Mary Wagner has communicated such to Laura Jo. Tracy Beck encouraged NEWFC to go for defined annual treatment/acres.

D) Project Committee

Science Committee is to meet January 20 with Terri Jane. Lloyd hopes that Derek Churchill can also participate.

E) Meeting with Senator Cantwell.

A proposal was made to ask Senator Cantwell to meet with the Coalition to discuss coalition needs and issues.

Motion: Lloyd moved and Maurice seconded to task Lloyd with crafting and sending a request to Senator Cantwell to meet with her in Spokane during President's Day recess. Passed.

4. East Wedge

Claudia expressed appreciation to the Coalition for all the hours put into East Wedge Project collaboration. The Farm Bureau, PLAC, TCMRA, cattlemen and other public interests have also been involved in this process. Generally, the public is supportive of project goals to reduce wildfire risk and restore healthy forests. The next and final public meeting will be held in January. Lynn Kaney is looking to complete his final analysis by end of December, and after a two-week turnaround, hand it off to the Forest Service. We hope to enter NEPA scoping in February. Claudia's goal is to complete project analysis by November 2011, and possibly as early as September. Implementation funding is still not forthcoming for this project and additional funds are needed to complete NEPA analysis.

Next meeting: January 19, 2011 - 1 PM

Lloyd McGee, President

Tim Coleman, Secretary