



**WASHINGTON
HARDWOODS
COMMISSION**

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2012
DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office
Castle Rock, Washington

Next Meetings: *March 20, 2013, DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office, Castle Rock, WA*

Commissioners Present:

Tom Fox, Chairman
Erik Metcalf, Vice Chairman
Michael Johnson
Joe Monks
Steve Witherspoon
Nick Wheeler

Commissioners Absent:

Tim Halme

Attendees:

Diann Lewallen, James Freed, John Perez-Garcia, Donelle Mahan, and Dave Sweitzer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Fox at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made and the Commission was reminded of the legal limitations of the anti-trust laws in Commission meetings.

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting as mailed.

FINANCE REPORT

Lewallen presented the financial report dated November 30, 2012 showing cash and CD's of \$41,464.41 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve and estimated available reserve of \$37,992.41, through June, 2013. Sweitzer presented the Logs Process Summary, Dollar and Volume reports. It was MSP to approve the financial report. (copy attached).

UW INSTITUTE OF FOREST RESOURCES

Perez-Garcia from UW Institute of Forest Resources (IFR) discussed the Washington State Hardwood Inventory Study. The study will answer a) how much hardwood growing stock currently exists in Washington state; b) what is the age (or size), class structure, and location of the inventory; c) what ownerships currently manage the growing stock; and d) how much volume is under riparian management regulations. He said not only will the above be answered, but also a) a calculator and how to use it will be available; b) a scenario on demonstrating the calculator; c) answer other queries from the study; and d) what is the projected harvestable in the future years. IFR will make a presentation at a meeting held in Portland April 30 – May 2, 2013.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Witherspoon proposed that our annual meeting be held with the Western Hardwood Association's "Western Hardwood International Conference and Exposition", scheduled for April 30 – May 2, 2013. It was MSP that the WHC annual meeting be held in concert with the WHA ICE, and that concurrent sessions of particular interest to WHC constituents be held on the second day, and that WHC constituents could elect to attend only day two for \$100.

DNR FOREST PRACTICES DIVISION

Mahan advised the group to proceed through CMER to see if the Stream Temperature Study could be tabulated and completed. As for the Hardwood Conversion Rules and a Template, she advised going to the Forest Practices Board. The commissioners felt there must be an easier way to get to a process of more harvesting in RMZs without bogging the system down with ID teams. She had no answer. Tracking Hardwood Conversions cited in WAC 2230-021(l)(i)(5v) was discussed. Mahan suggested we work through SFLOAC to study hardwood conversions to determine what were successful and not successful. As for Compliance Monitoring, she cautioned that we might not want to weight just a few hardwood conversions toward a conclusion.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS

Committee reports follow these minutes and financial statements.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Halme has resigned as a commissioner for personal reasons. A few names were discussed to complete his term of office to June 2014. Contact will be made.

Hardwood Silviculture Coop dues of \$8,500 were discussed. It was agreed that although we feel the work being done is good, the WHC does not have the funds, especially since we need to save for the upcoming remeasurements.

Forest Products Legislative Reception – Scheduled for January 17 in the Hands on Children's Museum in Olympia. Wheeler to develop a poster. We will also have a brochure and business cards for handout. Also, we will provide material for a continuous loop power point.

Next meeting dates – March 20, 2013, DNR Castle Rock, WA

Wheeler to invite a fish biologist

Monks to invite Andy Bluhm to demonstrate the user friendly Growth & Yield Model

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer