



**WASHINGTON
HARDWOODS
COMMISSION**

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2009
Natural Resources Bldg #432
Olympia, Washington

Next Meetings: *June 10, 2009 - Annual Meeting*
Conference Center, USFS Building
Olympia, WA

Commissioners Present:
Steve Pottle, Chairman
Brian Stanton, Vice Chairman
Tal Edman
Del Fisher
Jeff Madsen
Erik Metcalf

Commissioners Absent:
Steve Pedersen

Attendees:

Jed Herman, Diann Lewallen, Ed Orcutt, Rob Vance, Yolanda Wilson, Steve Witherspoon, and Dave Sweitzer.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting as mailed.

FINANCE REPORT

Lewallen presented the financial report dated February 28, 2009 showing cash and CD's of \$20,225.49 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected revised estimated reserve of \$25,431.97 and a projected revised estimated available reserve of \$18,431.97, both through February 28, 2009. (copy enclosed) It was MSP as revised. The FY 2009-2010 budget was presented and revised for presentation at the annual meeting. The budget shows an estimated reserve of \$32,701, with an estimated available reserve of \$25,701.

GRANT APPLICATION DRAFTS

Stanton reported on the draft of a biometrics grant application. Comments should be sent to Stanton by April 8th. Stanton and Sweitzer will meet early in April to discuss funding alternatives for both the biometrics and the education grants.

EDUCATION

Stanton commented on the hardwood issue of *Western Forester* and complimented all who participated. Hard copies will be sent to selected groups and organizations. The *Western Forester* is also available on the Society of American Foresters website in PDF format. Other associations will be sent the link information and asked to pass it on to their members. The *Northwest Woodlands*

magazine for small woodland owners will similarly dedicate the April issue to western hardwoods. It is similarly downloadable and a link will be provided on the WHC website.

Changes to the educational brochure were discussed and Sweitzer will advise Pedersen. We will send a letter to Perleberg and Freed at WSU Extension expressing our gratitude for their work on the brochure. It was suggested that the brochure be made available to hardwood companies for inclusion in their invoices. Further distribution will be through extension agents, consulting foresters, landowner organizations, and the WHC website.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Small Landowner Advisory Committee – Sweitzer reported that the hardwood conversion template was still on the table. It will be challenging to get a reasonable agreement on the stream length of a harvest. The agencies and the landowners are represented on the committee. Pedersen is concerned that stream monitoring has not been conducted pursuant to the legislation that established the Small Landowner Office.

Report to DNR & Legislators – Representative Orcutt advised the Commission to develop what is to be accomplished through a meeting with the Natural Resources Committees of the legislature. Then contact the Committee chairs to discuss the possibility of a presentation at a work session and/or involving them in a field trip. He encouraged continued cooperation with WFPA and WFFA.

DNR UPDATE

Herman reported that DNR is undergoing a restructuring process, which will result in a reduction in work force in all areas, which includes geological, forest practices, and fire fighting. They are continuing to put up sales, and when there are no bids, they revise and repost the sale. He expects that the decadal annual average of approximately 650 mmbf should be realized. Approximately five percent is hardwood.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sweitzer discussed the importance of contacting the US House of Representatives and asking their representative to co-sponsor House Resolution 81. This touts the many environmental and performance qualities of hardwoods used in Green Building. He said that he would include the contact information in the minutes. Simply call the Capitol switchboard, (202)221-2131, and ask for your representative. The only Washington Rep signed on is Norm Dicks.

Sweitzer discussed the addition of several companies to the processor list that will be submitting quarterly reports.

The Commission recognized the importance of the Natural Resources Youth Camp, but could not sponsor any scholarships at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer