



**WASHINGTON
HARDWOODS
COMMISSION**

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2016
DNR – Castle Rock
Castle Rock, WA

Next Meetings: 4/27/16; 7/27/16; 10/26/16 (teleconferences)
6/16/16 (annual symposium); 9/7/16 (DNR Olympia); 12/6/16 (DNR Castle Rock)

Commissioners Present

Michael Johnson, Chairman
Joe Monks, Vice Chairman
Randy Bartelt
Alex Dobkowski
Tom Fox
Steve Witherspoon

Commissioners Absent

Ed Orcutt

Attendees:

Matt Comisky, Jeremy Martin, Dave Sweitzer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson 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 December 9, 2015, meeting as emailed.

FINANCE REPORT

Sweitzer presented the financial report dated February 29, 2016 showing cash and CD's of \$29,424.46 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve and estimated available reserve of \$27,851.54 through June 2016. Sweitzer presented the Logs Process Summary, Dollar and Volume reports. It was MSP to approve the financial report. (copies attached). Sweitzer will run a tally of all producers with less than 5,000 tons. Potential producers not on the current list will be contacted. Commissioners were provided with a list of affected processors.

AFRC REPORT- Comisky reported:

Olympic Experimental State Forest Plan – Final EIS in June or July does not have to be approved by DNR and should be implemented soon after signing. Watch for litigation.

Sustainable Harvest Calculations (SHC) – Draft EIS in September or October. Modeling 702 mmbf per year. Still the question of 462 mmbf still in arrearage from the last decadal SHC. AFRC to evaluate the DNR calculations.

Marbled Murrelet Long Term Conservation Strategy – Six alternatives are in play.

Hardwood Efforts – AFRC is continuing to question why hardwoods are not being separated from softwoods. The claim is that administration is greater, but the potential of income is more than the additional administrative cost.

Role of AFRC in DNR morale issues – Suggesting smaller purchaser meetings so as to deal with on the ground staff.

Invite new AFRC president Travis Joseph to WHC annual meeting June 16th and Commission meeting September 7th meeting in Olympia.

NRCS – Johnson has set a meeting with Sherre Copeland to discuss programs to promote alder management. Johnson, Bartelt, Dobkowski, Fox, and Sweitzer to meet via teleconference March 17th at 10:00 AM, and with Copeland March 21st at 11:00 AM in Olympia.

ALDER SEEDLINGS –

WSU commercialization – subcommittee will review the WSU draft business plan and meet in Puyallup on March 21st.

Greenwood Resources – Another meeting will be set probably in April to discuss their seedling production.

Ten year old measurements of Weyerhaeuser plots – J&M to be contracted to complete the work by the end of April. Financial support letters to be sent out. (*subsequent to meeting, measurements were put on hold.*)

THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS – It was agreed that suggestions for solutions to break the core conflict be sent to Dave by April 20th.

2016 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM – All speakers and logistics are set. Office to set up parking at Three Rivers Mall in Longview and to reserve five vans. Office will investigate ponchos (in case it rains) in yellow or orange, preferably orange. The office will supply bottled water.

GOLDMARK MEETING – Next meeting scheduled for May 11th at 11:00 AM. In the meantime, Bartelt, Monks, and Fox will be working with Angus Brodie regarding more alder sales. Dobkowski will also work Brodie, et al, on evaluation of alder plantations.

BROCHURE – Johnson and Sweitzer will work on a brochure that will include primary and trickle down jobs, acres and volume of hardwoods, hardwood export, income from hardwoods, products produced, alder site map.

PROJECTS – Brainstorming how we can improve upon and develop new projects to include: commission meetings; annual symposium; legislative reception; NRCS; DNR/alder sales; site selection tool validation; DNR alder evaluation; hardwood assessment; seedling program; Growth & Yield model; HSC; plantation management; landowner/land management survey; working with Natural Resources and Forest Practices Board; education; nursery production.

OTHER BUSINESS – Processor fee; increase fee possibly to a rate per ton and/or lower the minimum of 5,000 tons.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer