



**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

June 10, 2015  
Teleconference

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**Next Meetings:** *July 22, 2015 (teleconference)*  
*September 9, 2015 (DNR - Castle Rock, WA)*  
*October 28, 2015 (teleconference)*  
*December 9, 2015 (DNR - Olympia, WA)*

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**Commissioners Present**

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

Others attending: Diann Lewallen, Dave Sweitzer

The annual business meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Johnson at 10:00 a.m. The Commission was reminded of the legal limitations of the anti-trust laws in Commission meetings.

**ELECTIONS**

Johnson, Bartelt, and Dobkowski were elected by the affected processors to 4-year terms on the Commission.

**MINUTES**

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting as emailed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Lewallen presented the financial report dated May 31, 2015 showing cash and CD's of \$32,915.20 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve and estimated available reserve of \$30,220.11, through June 2015. Sweitzer presented the Logs Process Summary, Dollar and Volume reports. It was MSP to approve the financial report. The FY 15-16 budget was discussed. It was MSP to approve the budget. (copies attached).

**ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**

All reports reflect positive reaction to the symposium meeting and field tour. Evaluation results will be forthcoming. It was cautioned that if we do any felling of trees in the future, that we employ strict safety standards. Monks suggested that we pay Curt, the timber faller, a small fee. Monks will send an invoice to the office.

**RECAP OF MEETING WITH GOLDMARK**

Johnson reported that we were well received by Commissioner Goldmark and Kyle Blum at our May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Wheeler discussed the completion of the genomic research project. Johnson discussed expanding the use of the DNR site selection tool. Blum will meet with Angus Brodie and together they

will recommend how the site selection tool could be used throughout all DNR west side districts. Adaptive Management may be involved to evaluate and review alder plantation performance. Blum will research how much alder is on plantations.

Johnson discussed hardwood conversion ranking by WAU. Hardwood value needs to be determined for RMZs. Commissioner Goldmark suggested that maybe the WAU rankings be posted on the DNR website.

Monks suggested that Sustainable Harvest Calculation not include arrearage. This is important to RMZs as well as uplands.

Bartelt invited Blum and Commissioner Goldmark to the Annual Symposium, gave him an information flyer, and the Commissioner mentioned that several from DNR were already planning to attend.

## SUB-COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

Stand Management – Johnson is going to make adjustments to the website Growth & Yield, to include additional pictures and mixed sites. The final calculation will be discussed and worked out with Glenn Ahrens, Hardwood Silviculture Coop, based on newer data.

Policy and Government Affairs – Fox discussed the WFFA simplified template proposal. The Commissioners agree with the bulk of the proposal and Fox was asked to write a letter of support that could be circulated for approval by the commissioners.

## OTHER BUSINESS

At this point in the meeting, there was not a quorum, so Chairman Johnson suggested that an email be sent to the Commissioners asking for their nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. That will be followed by an email for voting.

Ealasad has reportedly turned over the management of the superior seedlings project through WSU. Frank Hagie will be contacted to outline a plan of attack for jumpstarting the project so that future production needs can be met.

NRCS to appear on the September 9<sup>th</sup> agenda.

## POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> TELECONFERENCE

1. Subcommittee updates as needed.
2. Feedback results from Annual Symposium questionnaire.
3. Annual Symposium income and expense report.
4. WFFA simplified template proposal.
5. Expectations from NRCS at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
6. Next Goldmark meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer