



**WASHINGTON
HARDWOODS
COMMISSION**

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2014
Kit Carson Restaurant
Chehalis, Washington

Next Meetings: *July 23, 2014 (teleconference)*
September 9, 2014 (location tbd)
October 22, 2014 (teleconference)
December 9, 2014 (location tbd)

Commissioners Present

Michael Johnson, Chairman
Nick Wheeler, Vice Chairman
Randy Bartelt
Tom Fox
Joe Monks
Ed Orcutt

Commissioners Absent

Steve Witherspoon

The annual business meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Johnson at 5:00 p.m. The Commission was reminded of the legal limitations of the anti-trust laws in Commission meetings.

ELECTIONS

Witherspoon and Orcutt were elected by the affected processors to 4-year terms on the Commission. Johnson and Wheeler were elected by the commissioners as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

MINUTES

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 and April 28, 2014 (teleconference) meetings as emailed.

FINANCE REPORT

Sweitzer presented the financial report dated May 31, 2014 showing cash and CD's of \$42,980.85 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve and estimated available reserve of \$43,279.92, through June 2014. Sweitzer presented the Logs Process Summary, Dollar and Volume reports. Log export totals for 3rd and 4th quarters of 2013 will be verified. The FY 14-15 budget was discussed. It was MSP to approve the financial report and budget. (copies attached).

RECAP OF MEETING WITH GOLDMARK

We were well received by Commissioner Goldmark and Angus Brodie. The need for more alder was discussed to fulfill the domestic and export demand. The WAC rule for monitoring hardwood by WAU as a joint venture between DNR and WHC to keep track of volume of hardwood converted, potential for

hardwood conversion and efficacy of hardwood conversion was discussed. Reported that a 1970s study indicated increased growth of both hardwood and softwood when the species were rotated, and less growth when alder follows alder on the site. However, more recent field testing indicated no difference in growth. The alder genomics and superior seedlings study proposal was discussed and Brodie was assigned by the Commissioner to follow through with WHC. Two items not discussed and worthy of follow up were: 1) Check with Chris Rasor about the alder site that failed. What were the specifics and was the site selection a product of the DNR's site selection tool? 2) Why the DNR website does not include hardwood conversion.

2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Johnson and Bartelt will co-chair. Target audiences could include SFLOs, Industrial Land Managers, SAF, ACF, and could include a presentation on bio-fuels.

SUB-COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

Stand Management – Johnson will do more work on the growth and yield model to bring it to the point where a web designer can make a very user-friendly model.

Policy and Government Affairs – Fox would like to go the legislature with a need from the WHC. Orcutt will work with him to develop issues that can be worked on by the legislature.

Research & Grant-Funded Programs – Wheeler is ready to get the genomics study started. A few more dollars are needed, and a suitable letter of funds transmittal scheduled for the first two weeks of July.

POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 23RD TELECONFERENCE

1. Forest inventory update.
2. G&Y website
3. Genomics study
4. Strategy to implement Zobrist's needs: 1) connecting with the masses, 2) hardwood silviculture information, 3) hardwood marketing opportunities/resources.
5. How to motivate more people to grow alder.
6. Expanding activities based on purposes of commission stated in the WAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer