



**WASHINGTON  
HARDWOODS  
COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

September 11, 2008  
Natural Resources Bldg #432  
Olympia, Washington

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**Next Meetings:** *December 18, 2008*  
DNR Bldg, #432, Olympia, WA

*March 12, 2009*  
DNR Bldg, #461, Olympia, WA

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

**Commissioners Absent:**  
Erik Metcalf

**Attendees:**

Bob Dick, Jed Herman, Diann Lewallen, Mary McDonald, Dave Sweitzer, and Yolanda Wilson

Chairman Pottle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and made introductions.

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2008 meeting as mailed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Lewallen presented the financial report dated August 31, 2008 showing cash and CD's of \$26,038.64 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve of \$22,271.64 and a projected estimated available reserve of \$8,271.64, both through August 31, 2008. (copy enclosed) Sweitzer reported that a few companies have not yet paid and should bring in additional monies and increase the volume figures. An audit will be made of all volumes for 1st and 2nd quarter. Also, packets for the commission meeting will be emailed to all commissioners, as will minutes to all commissioners and affected processors. It was MSP to approve the finance report.

**AFRC REPORT**

Dick reported that DNR has offered 60 sales and sold 40 since July. In addition, 85 mmbf of salvage was offered and all was sold, mostly for chipwood. He commended DNR for a remarkable job. He announced the final of three tours to review DNR's FY 09 timber sales program in SE Region will be Friday, Sept. 26th. Next he reported on the two tight races for Governor and Lands Commissioner. Doug Sutherland has done a remarkable job turning around the department to be fiscally and socially responsible. There are three active cases followed by AFRC. The Skagit County case may be settled soon. The Blanchard Mountain case is to be appealed to the appellate court or direct to the Supreme Court. The East Fork Tarboo case is to be appealed to the appellate court or direct to the Supreme Court. Regarding federal lands, Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie, Olympic and Gifford Pinchot National Forests will each put up for sale 15 mmbf this year.

**FUNDING FOR PROJECTS**

Sweitzer presented a recommendation for Alternative Funding for Washington Hardwoods Commission Projects. Six projects were combined to make three. That is, Education, which include technical

transfer brochure, seedlings, and annual meeting; Remeasurements combined with Growth and Yield model; and Hardwood Resource. Stanton and Sweitzer will develop a draft proposal for each by the next meeting.

#### GROWTH AND YIELD

Fisher reported that we may have gone as far as we can with the FVS model and will contact OSU regarding the efficacy of combining data and the public use of the ORGANON model.

#### RESEARCH

Stanton reported that the 20 year rotation on ag land legislation in Oregon and the seedling supply and demand annual projection will be updated at the next meeting.

#### EDUCATION

Stanton handed out the theme and authors roster for the SAF issue. This will be an excellent issue on alder and hybrid poplar.

Pedersen handed out the first printed draft of the WHC brochure on managing hardwoods that was handed out at a WSU extension field day in August. Commissioners were asked to review the brochure and let him know changes as soon as possible in preparation for a final printing.

#### SMALL LANDOWNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

McDonald presented the Hardwood Conversion FPAs for calendar years 2003-2007. She also reported that a small ID team will visit the 24 approved Hardwood Conversion sites for 2003 and 2004 to determine "success". From the results of this analysis, a suggestion/recommendation for a conifer restoration/hardwood conversion template will be made to the SLOO, and to the Forest Practices Board. Pedersen will be the Small Landowner/WHC representative. It was MSP to pay for needed travel expenses up to \$1,000 for this project.

#### DNR UPDATE

Herman reported that alder represents about 5% of DNR's annual harvest of 650 mmbf. He will provide a Sold Volumes by Fiscal Year, 1991-2007 on alder. He will also give an update in December of "Specialized Products".

#### 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Sweitzer handed out and reported briefly on the 2008 annual meeting speakers and comments from participants regarding speakers, meeting and future topics of interest.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

It was MSP to offer \$4,000 for WHC dues to Hardwood Silviculture Coop (HSC).

It was MSP to forward the email from the Industrial Assessment Center on Energy Efficiency to all affected processors to respond as desired.

It was approved that Sweitzer attend the WFPA annual meeting November 20, 2008 in Olympia.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer