



**WASHINGTON  
HARDWOODS  
COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

September 14, 2011  
Natural Resources Bldg #452  
Olympia, Washington

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**Next Meetings:**      *December 14, 2011, location TBD*

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**Commissioners Present:**

Tom Fox,      Chairman  
Erik Metcalf, Vice Chairman  
Tim Halme  
Michael Johnson  
Steve Witherspoon

**Commissioners Absent:**

Del Fisher  
Nick Wheeler

**Attendees:**

Diann Lewallen, Steve Teitzel, Theresa Klepl, and Dave Sweitzer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Fox 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 June 15, 2011 meeting as mailed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Lewallen presented the financial report dated August 31, 2011 showing cash and CD's of \$25,591.42 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve and estimated available reserve of \$20,501.42, through June, 2012. (copy enclosed) Sweitzer presented the Logs Process Summary, Dollar and Volume reports. It was MSP to approve the financial report.

**2011 ANNUAL MEETING**

Sweitzer presented the results of the annual meeting survey. Most respondents thought that the meeting was well formatted, the speakers were well prepared and topical, the price was commensurate with the value received, most would attend again, and most would recommend the event to others. Many gave good suggestions for next year's meeting. The full survey is available upon request. This information will be used in planning the 2012 annual meeting. Fox, Metcalf, Wheeler, and Sweitzer will discuss the preliminary agenda on a teleconference prior to the December Commission meeting.

**DNR UPDATE**

Teitzel and Klepl attended in place of Julie Sacket. DNR alder plantations have been established in the

last ten years. Rotations are not necessarily set by regions. The regions primarily decide the species to be planted. Sacket will be contacted for distribution of the alder ID tool and other hardwood information to be disseminated to regions. Chris Rasor and Florian Deisenhofer will be contacted to present the site plan tool and the riparian strategy to the Commission.

## LEED

Witherspoon will invite someone to speak at our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## SUBCOMMITTEES

Fox led a discussion on the WHC's Vision, Objectives, and Strategies. The Commissioners discussed the subcommittees and chairman responsibilities. Each chairman will submit changes to their committee goals by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## CONIFER RESTORATION TEMPLATE

The field survey results, Steve Pedersen's observations, and the WHC position paper were discussed. A conifer restoration template was deemed to be critical to the economic viability of the small landowner and the availability of substantial amounts of hardwood from the riparian zones. A template would make it easier and more cost effective to harvest in the riparian zones while maintaining critical habitat. The Commission voted to proceed by agreeing with the Small Landowner Caucus that Dick Miller prepare a draft and strategy by October.

## OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that once per quarter, the Commission send an email with pertinent information about the Commission. This would go to the small landowners, industrial landowners, designated DNR personnel, hardwood producers, and natural resources committees of the House and Senate.

Next meeting dates – December 14, 2011, location TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer