



**WASHINGTON  
HARDWOODS  
COMMISSION**

## **COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

September 9, 2009  
Natural Resources Bldg #452  
Olympia, Washington

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**Next Meetings:** *December 9, 2009*  
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### **Commissioners Present:**

Brian Stanton, Chairman  
Jeff Madsen, Vice Chairman  
Tal Edman  
Del Fisher  
Tom Fox  
Erik Metcalf  
Steve Pottle

### **Commissioners Absent:**

### **Attendees:**

Jed Herman, Diann Lewallen, and Dave Sweitzer.

The meeting was called to order and introductions made at 10:00 a.m.

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting as mailed.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Lewallen presented the financial report dated August 31, 2009 showing cash and CD's of \$20,248.74 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve of \$27,927.74 and a projected estimated available reserve of \$20,927.74, both through August 31, 2009. (copy enclosed) It was recommended that the maturing CD be renewed for six months. Sweitzer presented the production report, which included a couple of processors not yet reporting, which will change the production and dollars minimally. It was MSP to accept the financial report. The results of the recent audit by the State Auditor reported all income and expense reporting to be in order. A recommendation was made that there be an employment contract made between WHC and Lawton-Sweitzer, Inc. It was MSP that the \$8,500 membership fee from the Hardwood Silviculture Coop be tabled until the next meeting. Stanton will discuss membership and remeasurement with HSC. Fisher will get a quote for the remeasurement of the plots assigned to WHC to be completed in January 2010.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE – PURPOSE, GOALS, AND CHAIRMEN**

Stanton presented a PowerPoint on the purpose of the subcommittee structure and outlined the objectives of each of seven subcommittees. These included productivity, resource values, education, government affairs, research, markets, and grant funded programs. He asked each commissioner to look over the document that accompanied the power point and report any suggestions to him. Fisher suggested that DNR outreach and federal purchasing be included in Resource Values subcommittee.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS

Stanton and Sweitzer reported minimal progress on the biometrics and education grant application progress. They will continue to research sources of funds. It was suggested that a consortium of the forest products industry companies be developed for direction to funding resources.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

The 2009 Annual meeting review was presented and was determined that overall, these were the best approval ratings since establishing the feedback questionnaire. It was recommended that the 2010 annual meeting be held again at the USFS Supervisors Office in Olympia on June 16th. It was further recommended that we have a second meeting in July at the DNR in Castle Rock. This might include a classroom tutorial on the ORGANON model and a field demonstration. The agenda for each meeting would be aimed at two different audiences. Further discussion will be held at the December meeting. It was further suggested that we approach WFFA to be included in their annual meeting in April to discuss site prep, site selection, and return on investment for hardwoods. Sweitzer will check with USFS and DNR for availability of meeting rooms and Fox will discuss our proposal with WFFA. The WHC office will research and tabulate from previous annual meetings, the geography of past attendees, and will work with Steve Stinson at the Family Forest Foundation to extract useful information from the Washington statewide database regarding geographics and acreages.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Small Landowner Advisory Committee – Sweitzer reported that the template for Hardwood Conversion may be nearing completion.

Federal Lands – Federal lands in some national forests are encouraging more sales and harvesting, albeit a miniscule amount of the total available land base.

Sweitzer presented an outline for reporting to the Senate and House Natural Resource Committees. There were several suggestions noted. Fox, Stanton, Madsen, and Sweitzer will make such a presentation to Representative Blake, Chairman of the House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee. Other members of his Committee will be invited to the meeting on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:30 p.m.

## DNR UPDATE

Herman reported that in the last fiscal year, DNR sold 550 mmbf and expects to put up 744 mmbf in 2010. Of these amounts, between five and ten percent are hardwoods. Because of the supply from salvage due to the December 2008 storm, the State cancelled all PCT on state lands. He said that Goldmark will be releasing a strategic plan as to what to expect during his term. Herman will make sure that we get a copy. Goldmark also is enthusiastic about demonstrating biomass projects for liquid fuel.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Sweitzer presented the outline for an alder conference, scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, WA, co-sponsored by Western Forestry & Conservation Association, Washington Hardwoods Commission, and Hardwood Silviculture Cooperative.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer