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**Minutes
February 6, 2017**

Present: Dave, Gordy, Paul, Steve, Ken
Absent: Tim, Chuck, Al, Fred, Lisa, Aubrey, Tom

Guest: Commissioner Dahlstedt

I.

II. Minutes: No quorum

III. Updates: The Planning Department wanted to share their RFI proposal with the Planning Commission, Commissioners and the FAB at a joint.

IV. TFW Updates:

- a. Dispute resolution timelines. Forest Practice Board wants actions back by their May meeting. There was resolution for the water type modification points. Current rule and practices with more monitoring and the continued ability to make changes to inaccurate points.

V. Updates from Commissioner: Commissioner Dahlstedt sent to the Ag-Forestry meeting in Olympia last week and talked to the new lands commissioner, Hilary Frantz, He said he felt positive about her desire to work with folks. He felt she just needed to be educated. He also commented on the CO2 footprint noting that fires are the 2nd largest contributors. He is on the WSAC leg steering committee so if he can do anything let him know. For stream buffers he would like more analysis – data to support i.e. plant more shrubs by a stream since they don't suck the water out like trees do and add to the current low flow conditions. Paul noted that on the east coast there are studies on this.

VI. Comments for Commissioner: Ken talked about the CaRD and how there needs to be an additional open space for resource lands that don't require critical area review and that would make it easier to go from a protected designation to open space for forestry.

VII. RFI: Dave and FAB discussed how the FAB can help the Planning Commission understand the proposal from the FAB and how to react to what the Planning Department may still propose. It was noted however that the Planning Department appeared to drop many of the previous concerns the FAB had. It appears that the Planning Department will take their proposal directly to the Planning Commission at a joint meeting.

VIII. Adjourn: 9:10