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**Minutes
September , 2007**

Present: Paul, Tim, Gordy, Al, Lisa, Aubrey, Chuck, Ken, Tim and Dick

Absent: Dave and Fred

Guest: Guy McNally

- I. Call to order 7:07
- II. Motion made by Gordy and seconded by Dick to have Aubrey reside as vice-chair. Passed unanimous.
- III. Minutes not ready
- IV. No Public Correspondence
- V. Discussion:
 - a. Kendra's move to building where the Conservation District is housed. Move should occur sometime in October.
 - b. SEPA review considering carbon. Paul brought up this as something that maybe should be considered during reviews. It would make the public more aware of the importance of a managed forest. 1,000 Friends of Washington may be leading this effort.
 - c. Elected Officials woods tour. October 3rd. This is not to be a 'whining tour', but an informative tour. It will be up the Hamilton mainline on Sierra's land. Whatcom County should be sent an invitation. Sub-committee will meet 9/24/07 at 7:00 at Kendra's office.
 - d. Moratorium: Aubrey gave a report on process. Passionate but friendly meeting. John Cooper said it had always been interpreted the way the new policy statement was written. FAB reviewed and made some corrections to the second paragraph believing that it is in conflict with the first paragraph. It was moved by Aubrey and seconded by Paul to have Aubrey create a clean version and then resubmitted to PDS.
 - e. Gravel mining. Paul talked to John Copper about the need to now have a permit to sell rock from one industrial landowner to a neighboring one. This will have many negative consequences. Length of permitting and costs, roads more expensive so environmental cuts may occur . this has been an activity that has occurred forever. May need to go to the legislatures on this.
 - f. Thank the BoCC. Ken moved and Tom seconded to write a letter to the BoCC thanking them. Ken will write the letter. Passed.
 - g. Blanchard Mountain. Ken gave an update from his perspective as he said. Discussion ventured to lands at risk and the DNR presentation late in August. Several FAB members were present...Tom, Ken (Kendra too).
 - h. Chuckanut Mountain Park District update: Gordy gave an update of what the NW Conservation is doing.
 - i. FF Policy/Forest Practices: Kendra gave an updated, which surmounted to nothing dealing with type N issues at this time and lots around DFC and future CMER projects. Dick added that the report on riparian layouts

looked good. Gap as far as the identification of landowners...but all and all fairly reasonable.

- j. Next topics:
 - i. Rock pit
 - ii. Tour
 - iii. Moratorium
 - iv. AAB/FAB joint meeting (escapement, education, critical mass, good stuff being accomplished)
 - v. Deviation on a permit requiring a brand new application
 - vi. State aquatics and log transport
 - vii. How does the Industry get a seat on the Fisheries Commission?
- k. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Next meeting October 1.