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**Minutes
November 5, 2007**

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

Absent: Ken and Tom.

Guest: Franny White, Skagit Herald and Kevin Zoberist, WAS ext.

** denotes actions taken.

- I. **Minutes: Fred moved and Gordy seconded to approve the minutes.
Approved.
- II. Office move: The movers are showing up Wed, though computer and phones are still being worked on...the next meeting will be at the new office 2021 College Suite 200, in the same building as the USDA/NRCS and the Conservation District.
- III. **Rural Forest Initiative: Dave authored a letter discussing the new legislation regarding the moratorium and how that applies to Skagit County. Aubrey is to get the minor changes to the proposed PDS policy on this issue. Kendra suggested that a complete package be made including the amendment to the PDS proposal so that it is clear as to which proposal is which and that two things are not being floated leading to confusion. Gordy moved to move it forward with Kendra's addition and Aubrey seconded. Passed.
- IV. Forest Service Rep on the FAB: Gary Rowe asked the FAB to look into including the USFS in some capacity on the FAB or as an invited guest on a continual basis. The FAB agreed it would be a good thing to include them as guest but concerns were raised as to if they were given a specific seat on the FAB then that would be something that should be offered to the Tribes, the DNR, DOE etc. etc. The meetings are open meetings and the FAB recognized that they should put out some formal invitations to have these other interest groups come to the meetings. The discussion also questioned the purpose of the FAB and why it was formed....to make recommendations to the BoCC and keep them informed on the Forest Practice issues within the county and regionally. Al noted that there are currently lots of bad feelings about the County due to the Title II distribution (but the County and some of the participants in the RAC were frustrated because it did not follow the RAC requirements. RAC members were allowed to vote by phone as well as not have to go through the formal training)....all and all there probably needs to be some bridges rebuilt. Fear that the FAB could become an agency board and the agencies already bring their view points to the table. Tim responded with vertical integration and Gordy said they should probably talk more to the BoCC. Paul suggested sending an agenda.
- V. Skagit Herald: Franny White. Introduction and discussion as to the formation of the FAB and some of the issues they work on both past and present. She noted that she was there to observe and start gaining some information and

- would come back with questions. She would be interested in attending on a regular basis.
- VI. ABB/FAB joint: Dave needs to communicate with Kim Mower and get back to the FAB.
 - VII. **Low Impact Harvesting: Al shared how this will be simpler for the small landowners. Paul noted that only if under 40 acres. Class II if flat ground no critical areas and public resources...it should be a quick review. Al move to write a letter supporting this proposed legislation and pass it along to the Farm Forest Association. Aubrey seconded. Passed. Al will write the letter, Dave will review.
 - VIII. **Firewise. FAB feels they need to push the BoCC more in getting on with this. The public needs to follow management plans. This needs to occur at a county-wide level. It was moved by Tim and seconded by Fred to write a letter to the BoCC. Passed. Tim will write the letter.
 - IX. **Fish and Forest Commission. Dave printed a paper explaining the Commission and who sits on it as well as what they are tasked to undertaken. FAB feels there is a need to be represented on the Commission. It was suggested to write a letter to John Mankowski, Governor's Office asking how the Commision could be explanted and why there needs to be some additional representation. Paul moved to have Kendra write a letter to John. Tim seconded. Passed.
 - X. **DNR aquatics: Discussion on the impacts to the transportation system if log storage and transport through the waters is limited or denied. Makes no sense with all of the talk about global warming and the already terrible traffic. This will put 3,000 more trucks on the I-5 corridor...and loads on the ferries. Gordy said he received a call from John Mankowski on this issue and was looking into it. Dunlap towing will contact directly. Tim moved and Aubrey seconded to have a letter written to both the DOE (shoreline administration...industrial waterfront a requirement) and to Mary Margaret H. Passed. Dick, Gordy and Tim will work on the letter.
 - XI. Forest Gravel pits: Paul told by the BoCC on the tour that the County was not going to change their operations...understand the industries concersns. (Don and Sharon on the tour).
 - XII. FP policy update. Lots of discussions on priorities of projects, the TFW process and CMER. There needs to be changes and the Policy committee agreed that it needs to come from higher up...Gov's office.
 - XIII. Adjourned 9:02 am.

NEXT MEETING AT THE NEW OFFICE DECEMBER 3rd 7:00 a.m.

Just past the cemetery and behind the Mexican restaurant. Park on the north side and go up the steps. I will show you where the meeting room is located...so don't be late