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**Minutes  
February 9, 2009**

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

Absent: Lisa and Ken

Guest: Jeff Grizzel, DNR, Carolyn Kelly, SSD, Thijs Jacobson and John Cooper, PDS

- I. Meeting called to Order 7:04 a.m.
- II. Minutes – January minutes reviewed. Amend a typo for the DNR. Paul moved to approve with amendment, Tim seconded. Approved.
- III. DNR landslides- Jeff Grizzel presentation. Jeff is working on raising additional funding to do scientific research on deep seeded landslides. His presentation was titled Myths and Realities. The Montague Project is a ten year study off Highway 534 (?). There is lots of public outreach. The budget is \$7500 for roads, \$23,000 for monitoring and equipment, \$30,000 for drilling bore holes and equipment and an annual maintenance of \$8,300 per year which totals \$143,000. Jeff is trying to find a way to share the costs in order to get it funded so for 12 cooperators it would be \$2,500.
- IV. Class IV Conversions- John Cooper said he had been in contact with the DNR to look at signing a MOU. This would allow the DNR to retain jurisdiction over Class IV Generals. Basically it would keep things status quo; the problem comes when the County has to take over this section of Forest Practices. The FAB discussion on the topic resulted in a 'consensus node' to ask that the BoCC not to take on this role. Dave has had discussions with each Commissioner. John Agreed and said the PDS also agreed with this. The discussion ventured to the RFI. It was suggested that the FAB's proposal be adopted as an Interim Ordinance until the Platted lands mess could be sorted out as well as the Class IV requirement.
- V. Platted Lands 1960 – Kendra reported that Tom Robinson said he couldn't get WSAC to sponsor the bill this session since the AG just noticed that SEPA also had to be amended. Opening up SEPA without a 'limiting clause' would open a whole can of worms at a too late of a date. Tom and other people who have been working on this promised that it would be one of the first things worked on after this session so that it will be fully ready to go next session.
- VI. Alternative Futures – Paul gave an update and noted that there are a lot of agency folks and not so much on the public side. Still trying to figure out who the players are and what the assignments are....and of course the hidden agendas especially when looking at who is on the technical teams. Will report more at the next meeting.

Adjourn 9:08.

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**