



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST
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**Minutes
August 10, 2009**

Present: Aubrey (co-chair), AL, Gordy, Tim, Chuck, Paul, Ken, Dave (late)
Guests: Commissioner Dahlstedt, Betsey Stevenson (PDS) and John Copper

- I. Welcome: Aubrey welcomed Commissioner Dahlstedt and others to the meeting and noted that Dave would be late.
- II. Minutes. Ken moved and Paul seconded to approve the minutes from both the June and the July meetings. Approved.
- III. Discussion:
 - a. Planning Dept Code Amendments- Betsy stated that there were 18 concerns of the original 119 code amendments. PDS will have a meeting with the FAB and ABB to further discuss concerns and issues at 1:30 on August 8th. PDS wants the Planning Commission to accept those changes that are not issues or had no comments on. Some proposed amendments may be held back for further work. Commissioner Dahlstedt commented that Kendra will be working more closely with PDS in the future so that some of these types of concerns should not happen in the future. Betsey was unaware that Kendra was not informed about the proposed code amendments. Commissioner Dahlstedt also commented that Commissioner Wesen was interested in taking on the forest issues.

There was continued discussion about different ways to get the word out to the community when PDS is proposing amendments. Paul noted that when there is a change to property owner's existing density they should be notified by mail and not just count on people reading the paper. Many people have live time investments in their property and would be shocked to learn that development rights were removed, especially without direct notification. This was the case with the proposed change to secondary forest and Rural Resource by not allowing houses if outside of a fire district including those where the fire districts are formed after 2007.

- b. SAF (Society of Foresters) is having a New Zealand forest talk at their next meeting.
 - c. Al Craney reminded folks about the Family Farm Forest Field Day on Friday and Saturday (July 31st and Aug 1). There will be 20 stations.
 - d. Tim Raschko had a question about the small landowner (SLO) alternative – off tax parcels with individual names as well. More than 1 acre forest land. ????
 - e. Members- A reminder that the by-laws talk about the number of absences and how hard it is to conduct a meeting with missing members.
- IV. Adjourn. 8:40 a.m.