



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST  
ADVISORY BOARD**

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Kendra Smith, Staff

**Minutes  
September 14, 2009**

Present: Aubrey, AL, Gordy, Chuck, Paul, Ken, Dave, Lisa  
Guests: Bill Wallace (DNR), Samantha (USFA), Gary Christensen (PDS), Betsey  
Stevenson (PDS), Paul Wagner (forester) and John Copper

- I. Public Comment. None
- II. Minutes. No quorum.
- III. Old Business.
  - a. Membership. Paul stated that Steve Tiff from Longview Fiber may be interested in serving on the FAB.
- IV. Discussion:
  - a. Planning Dept Code Amendments- John announced that the proposals will go before the BoCC on October 5, 2009. Gary stated that 16 of the 19 "issues" brought forward by the AAB, Conservation District, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland (SPF) and FAB have been worked out. In the last month PDS meet with the various groups. There are 2 big issues that probably won't be resolved- one of them being the RFI proposal made by the FAB. The Swinomish Tribe has raised some concern and the thought is to take more time to try and reach an amenable outcome. The other issue deals with the UGA boundary. On October 6<sup>th</sup> the PC has asked that the chair and/or vice chair be present to answer any questions they may have during deliberations. The PDS staff report will be ready just prior to the PC meeting.

The proposed amendment limiting the amount of stored material on NRI zones would be determined through an Administrative Special Use approved by the Planning Director according to Gary C.

Paul noted that a little more time given to the advisory boards would have been helpful and possibly there would not have been the challenges. Gary said they met many hours with legal council to come up with the proposals and that they just had to get the proposal out. Ken stated that UGA expansions DO affect forestry so the FAB wants to know more, more often and more promptly.

Dave asked where does the FAB go from here with the RFI proposal? He asked Bill W. if the DNR generally was ok with the FAB's proposal. Bill nodded yes. It appears that the legal for Skagit County is interpreting the forest practice rules to say that the County is responsible for all Class IV generals and may include Class IV specials as well. Bill was going to ask if that had been passed around in Olympia. FAB asked what the best way to investigate this accusation.

Ken moved to have the chair of the FAB write a letter to the BoCC asking them to respectfully ask for a code interpretation from the Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark as to whether or t the State would be interpreting RCW 76.09.240 to include Class IV Specials as part of the Counties responsibility. Gordy seconded the motion. Approved.

- b. Landowner notification. FAB requesting of PDS for all land owners land use proposals, the FAB is asking PDS to directly notify staff that they have made some sort of proposal. Gary nodded yes.
  - c. Ecosystem Collaboration meeting: FAB was asking what it was all about. It was a meeting of the various caucus leaders and some large industries (Sierra Pacific) put together by Governor and Commissioner Goldmark. Tom Nelson was the only one from this area who went. The word back from Tom was that it was not very successful. There were concerns as to the make up of the committee and the agenda items. Is this to be taking the place of Fish Forest Policy or the TFW process....more information to come.
- V. Next Meeting October 5<sup>th</sup> · The 12<sup>th</sup> is a County day closure.
- VI. Adjourn 9:00 a.m.