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Minutes

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

Absent: Steve, Lisa

Guest: John Cooper

- i. Minutes: Make them bullet to get them done.
- ii. Expired terms: Chair and Vice-chair (Dave and Aubrey). Nominations opened: Tim moved to open nomination. Paul moved and Tim seconded to have Dave as chair. Ken moved Paul seconded to have Aubrey for vice chair. Tom moved to close nominations seconded and passed. Voted unanimous for Dave as chair and Aubrey as vice.
- iii. Dave update: Went and talked to all 3 Commissioners. Gave an update of the year. Wanted to see if they had any particular needs.
 - a. All 3 said they fully supported getting rid of the 1960 Platted Lands. Commission Dillon has called Sen Haugen's office and will be asking her if she will sponsor the bill She is also contacting Rep Pearson. May take some of the FAB members going to Oly to testify. Commish Dillon is taking the lead on this. Al wanted to know if FAB should re-send letter drafted last year out. If everyone could make just 1 call.
 - b. RFI initiate was also discussed. Dave told then about a 52 ac cluster development. Open space across road from the development and the critical areas is being applied. Pointed out how this does not make sense.
 - c. Also, being able to retain building rights. Commish Dahlstedt said that landowners would need to be made whole if rights are removed. Some areas will be up-zoned during the planning process. To get the property rights for another development, a property owner would have to purchase them and the money would go to those who have rights removed.
- iv. Discussion Items:
 - a. Envisions 2060: Paul gave an update and noted that a lot of the talk was about less homes in the resource areas, but that compensation needed to be made. General discussion regarding TDRs on forest lands. Ken believes it would work.
 - b. New topics: Gordy noted that need to keep pressure on the feds to have harvests on their lands.... For health, safety, revenue etc. Al pointed out that bio-mass issue would help keep this door open. Tom would like to see more timber sales to support operations and jobs.
 - c. Small Landowner (SLO) regulations being reviewed. Sent to FAB to get input. Talk to Rick Dunning.
 - d. Al passed out the Federal book showing all the benefits of forests. This is something the Envisions group needs to see (and others besides foresters).
- v. Adjourned 9:00