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Minutes April 11, 2011

Present: Paul, Fred, Al, Gordy, Ken, Aubrey, Tom

Absent: Steve, Lisa, Tim, Chuck

Guest: Doug Couvelier, John Cooper

- I. Minutes reviewed but not approved. No quorum
- II. Member updates and news for the Order:
 - a. Samish Watershed- Clean Samish. Members updated one another on the direction the County and other State agencies were given from the Governor's Office. Comments were made regarding the Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) process the forest community entered into 15+ years ago.
- III. Discussion items:
 - a. Legislative Session- Bills: The Platted Lands bill is waiting for the Governor's signature. HB 2008 and SB 5862- FPA and HPA fees bill is having a lot of debate. The Community Forest Bill appears to have made it through with some of the timber counties opposing it and some of the forest industry supporting it.
 - b. USFS lands Management: Ken noted that this will really only address the matrix lands in Skagit County at this time. He made some minor changes in response to comments made at the last meeting. Ken received the Forest Service report from Sam Chang, which confirmed his earlier beliefs regarding the users in the federal forests. It tends to be the white upper middle class. Dave said he will take this to the BoCC with at least one other FAB member. After getting feedback from the BoCC the next step is to take this to other groups to get their by-in. Al noted that the National Association of State Foresters, which is support on a national scale, has been saying this for a long time i.e. economic health, community health are what it all about. He handed out fact sheets printed from the association. Ken said the purpose was to engage with Larson's office to manage the federal forests for numerous reasons. He offered to call Kevin Morse from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to start the conversation and hope to get support. It was suggested to contact Karen Anderson the TNC regional director, who attend the logging tour last year.
 - c. County Code: John said the Planning Commission is moving through the proposed updates. The new fee schedule has already been adopted. The proposal for the gravel pits has been dropped for now.
- IV. Need to get a quorum to change by-laws for vote,
- V. Adjourned 9:15 a.m.