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Minutes 2/8/18

Present: Ken, Chuck, Aubrey, Al, Dave, Paul, Gordy, Steve    Absent: Tom, Tim, Fred, Lisa

Guest: Commissioner Janicki and Ryan Walters

1. Minutes: Ken moved, and Aubrey seconded to approve the minutes. Passed unanimous.
2. Discussion:
  - a. Forest Practice Board: Kendra presented the science panel report on methods to determine Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) when identifying F/N water type breaks. The science panel offered 5 methods based on the data they used (some of the data was the data used in August for the first report only minimized). Four of the five were based on percentage of change versus a ratio. The landowners preferred the ratio since it mirrored the data and results submitted in the first report that utilized a substantially larger pool of numbers. The Fish Habitat Assessment Method (FHAM) would potentially utilize one of the PHBs to locate end of fish/ fish habitat. The proposed method to use a change of gradient and channel width appears to move a PHB much further upstream. Every time a change in percentage gradient was met a PHB would be noted and a protocol survey done. If the ratio method of 5% (landowner preference) were to be used, then the distance between PHBs would be smaller thus potentially reducing the amount of F waters and being more accurate as to where the last fish might be located. Kendra noted that the hope would be that the FPB would ask to see and compare several methods and to do an economic analysis with respect to risk to the resource.
  - b. RFI: Ryan Walters presented the RFI that the PC was reviewing. He noted that it was the version that the FAB saw at their last meeting on this topic (December). He said the moratorium was removed from SCC 14.06.05 and a new section was added to meet the WACs. This then meant that a Land Disturbance ordinance needed to be constructed and all of development could be addressed in this section. The discussion centered around the Forest Management Plan and what that really entailed. There are many names i.e. timber management plan, resource management plan and forest management plan ...goals of each of these are different. The FAB questioned whether it would make more sense to merely have an affidavit signed stating that the landowner would continue in forestry and not convert. It was also noted that a plan needed to be established for the tax benefit of an open space category. A FAB member asked if a change could be made to the plat to allow forestry and was told that this would be a plat map change and those costs started at \$600. FAB was ok with the proposal but still insisted that phase II be addressed as soon as possible, which was the RFI was originally trying to address.

Adjourn: 9:00 a.m.