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**Minutes  
July 8, 2020**

Present: Dave, Ken, Chuck, Tom

Absent: Fred, Lisa, Gordy, Tim, Aubrey, Al, Steve

Guest: Cindy Mitchel (WFPA), Doug Hooks (WFPA), Matt Comisky (AFRC)

- I. Minutes: No quorum
- II. Discussion: The FAB had three guest presenter, Cindy Mitchel from WFPA, Matt Comisky From AFRC and Doug Hooks from WFPA to talk about carbon sequestration with respect to the managed forests and their respective organizations. Cindy talked about the bill passed this year identifying the forest industry as essential and that it plays a significant role in helping the carbon footprint, She conducted surveys in King County to see how the message had resonated and got positive feedback indicating that the public is showing awareness of the importance of forestry products and management in carbon sequestration. WFPA is not doing much more right now due to workload. Matt Comisky shared the importance of staying on top of this issue especially at the Board of Natural Resources because the public does not always have the most factual information on forestry's roll in the carbon cycle. AFRC also sees this as a very important topic but not doing much on this now due to other time issue constraints. All three guests talked about the need to have one rather than several entities within the forest industry work together to keep getting the facts and message out. They noted that it was good to have the county interested and being part of this group would be beneficial. No one had a game plan on how to move forward but willing to continue the discussions. There was caution to stay on top of what State Lands may be doing on this in the next few months. DNR has discussed moving forward with policy development. All three presenters were very pleased Skagit was asking them to present and to start talking about the role of carbon with the forest industry.
- III. Next meeting: Change of date due to the Forest Practice Board meeting. It will be August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- IV. Adjourn: 9:00 a.m.