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**Minutes  
August 9, 2022**

Present: Chuck, Dave, Gordy, Tim, Aubrey, Kris, Tom Absent: Lisa, Jamie, Al Steve and Ken

Guest: Commissioner Janicki and then Commissioner Browning. All 3 Commissioners for certificate of appreciation to Tom Nelson upon his retirement

- I. Minutes: Moved by Gordy seconded by Chuck. Unanimous approved.
- II. Updates:
  - a. The FAB will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month until February and will re-evaluate at that time. This is due to conflicting meetings with BNR and FPB and wanting to update the BoCC in a timely manner.
  - b. New Appointments: The FAB discussed Tom's retirement and potential replacements. Both John Gold and Peter Janicki would be valuable FAB members with years of expertise. Ken has announced that he will be retiring by the end of the year so the FAB will be forwarded both names to the Commissioners.
  - c. Concerns about operations in the NW Regional DNR Office. Put this on the agenda for next meeting. Ask Doug Hooks to join since he has been acting as the industry liaison.
  - d. Upper Finny bridge to be closed so that renovation can start. The completion date is first of the year. It will cost approximately \$3.5 million. This should really help with future USFS sales.
  - e. Tom Nelson was acknowledged by the Commissioners for his years of service (since 2007) on the FAB and will be greatly missed. Commissioner Browning joined the second half of the meeting and Janicki left.
  - f. Commissioner Janicki noted that she will be back working on DNR issues and will be serving on the Encumbered Lands Committee for WSAC
  - g. It was shared that the Commissioners passed an interim ordinance to prohibit any mitigations for projects like FERC relicensing, in Ag lands. FAB said they would like to have the same for forestlands. Mitigation means conversion for forest lands. FAB also noted that carbon credits are a type of mitigation and should not occur as the DNR has presented its carbon credit project.
  - h. It was noted that what the regional DNR office reports is not necessarily what Olympia claims on issues of arrearage and finding volume.

- i. Some discussion and thoughts for future discussions focused on creating a sense of pride around forestry and made around a county being a resource county- similar to how Tillamook in Oregon promotes itself. How to bring that feeling to Skagit. Perhaps this can be worked into the education promotion.
- III. Trust Land Transfer – The TLT committee was asked to rank properties to have a Pilot Project to submit and are asking for \$25 million to fund. The scoring is following the RCO format for recreation and conservation projects. As it stands it is somewhat subjective and one property that should have been tops for replacement ranked low due to social input.
- IV. TFW- Update on Principle meeting and the type F/N break with the Anadromous Fish Floor, the alternatives for Type N going forward to the FPB. Comments were made regarding the PIP (perennial initiation point), which needs to be found at any time of year, no buffering of dry channels and no shade requirement on streams that are not continuous.
- V. Adjourn 9:10