



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST  
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**Minutes**

**October 5, 2022**

Present: Ken, Chuck, Gordy, Al, Dave, Jamie, Kris, Steve, John, Tim and Aubrey.

- I. Minutes: Ken moved and Kris seconded to approve September minutes. Unanimous.
- II. Updates: 1. The ordinance prohibiting mitigation of off-site projects onto Ag land has passed through the Planning Commission. The FAB discussed how this would be beneficial to have for forest lands as well. They did not see any outstanding consequences for forestry lands, especially those that are designated long-term commercial significance. Ken moved to recommend to the BoCC to adopt a similar ordinance that would ban the use of forest lands and/or set aside forest lands through purchases for the use of mitigation of off-site activities. Gordy seconded and after the FAB added that its reasoning for such an action was based on the Growth Management Act and the intention to retain resource lands of long-term commercial significance. FAB approved unanimous. 2. Education workshops: Nick was out sick so wasn't able to update in detail. However, he and Rebecca are working with WSU extension for a training on October 15<sup>th</sup>. FAB discussed the importance of kid's days in the field such as what Ken has offered for years. Again, the FAB believes the Forest Institute for Teachers being adapted for Skagit and the NW Region will help educate the educators as well as the youth. 3. FAB thanked AL for all of his sharing of information, especially on carbon issues. 4. Ken noted that he is now the Chair for the North Puget Sound Farm Forestry organization. He noted that a goal is to get the Small Landowners educated on forest management. 5. Al shared information on the use of wood products other than for building, i.e. maples for syrup and hardwood for instruments which are viable on small acres and the wood is more valuable.
- III. Update on State Lands: The Settlement Agreement was pulled from the Board's agenda again. The BNR did not hear a presentation on the proposed carbon project and the DNR decided that an extension to the 14-day comment period was not necessary. FAB spent time talking about the impacts to the county and beneficiaries as more state lands are potentially being set aside. They would recommend the BoCC take further action and write comments disputing the DNR's call of a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for the project. Concerns raised over the start of the next SHC when the DNR has not fixed the problems from the last decadal calculation.

- IV. Updates on TFW- FAB talked about possible outcomes on Type N proposals with the FPB initiating Rule making on both the DOE and Landowner proposals being the best. An economic analysis still needs to be done. FAB wants to push for extensive monitoring.
- V. Unstable Slope issues in the NW Region on Forest Practice applications. FAB noted that this needs to continue at the next meeting due to time.
- VI. Adjourn 9:15