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**Minutes  
February 9, 2023**

Present: Dave, Al, Gordy, Peter, Jamie, John, Tim, Aubrey, Kris, Steve Absent: Chuck Guests: Susan David and Nick Kunz

- I. Minutes: Tim moved Jamie seconded to approve. Unanimous
- II. Updates: Dave noted that Kendra had been working on keeping up with the bills to inform and to take action if appropriate. Discussed whether this was important to the FAB. They agreed it was and if appropriate would follow through on letting legislatures know if they supported or opposed certain bills. It is an easy set-up on the Washington Bills webpage to cast an option.
- III. Discussion:
  - a. DNR meeting to discuss FPAs, specifically on potential unstable slopes and landforms. A meeting to gather information and discuss tactics will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the FAB meeting. The meeting with the DNR will be in April.
  - b. Elections: Dave Chamberlain has been the chair since the beginning of the FAB in Skagit. He has done a fantastic job for all of these years and has brought suggestions, like the RFI (Rural Forest Initiative), forward that started to change some of the County codes. He now feels it's time to pass it on. Nominations were opened and both Jamie and Peter were nominated. By 'sealed vote' Jamie was elected. The FAB all expressed their appreciation for all of Dave's work and have noted that he can now really work on getting the rest of the RFI through the Planning Department and Commission.
  - c. Application for FAB member. David Nielsen submitted a letter of interest. The FAB felt he would be a great asset to the Board and voted unanimously to recommend him to the BoCC.
  - d. Cascade River Tier III nomination. John and Kendra will have a letter ready for FAB review prior to the next meeting so that the FAB can vote on any recommendation to send to the BoCC. DOE is in stage one of rulemaking called CR-101 where they take public comments. CR-102 will start in June if DOE decides to move forward.
  - e. Legislative Bills- There are numerous bills in both houses on two topics, Trust Land Transfers and Ecosystem Services/Carbon Credit. As written, there are many issues that would affect the beneficiaries, which includes the timber counties, mills and jobs. There was discussion and the FAB is very concerned about the consequences of both of these topics.
  - f. TFW/Forest Practice Board: Kendra reported that the FPB meeting where they discussed rulemaking for Type N. Talked about a bill that will limit the FPB membership. Strong support for NSO bill for voluntary safe harbor. The pilot project for Eastside using Np streams for F streams due to impacts, the Riparian Shade Characteristic (RSC) project.

- g. BNR – The lightening talks are very good and would be great to share with all of the public so Kendra will ask the BoCC at the briefing if there is a way to put them on Skagit’s TV network. BNR board member Commissioner J asked the DNR for more details on how far the sales are off from what this decadal Sustainable Harvest should be. DNR noted more reasons like weather, staffing and can’t compete with wages with others. Staff presented their approach to the Eastside SHC. They noted that an SHC has not been done since 1996. They also noted that this means they need to be careful not to over harvest and that some policies may need to be changed. Basically, starting from scratch.
- h. Education: Nick gave any update. Dave noted that the short videos should not be lost. He reminded FAB of when they (FAB members) gave 2-minute clips to the BoCC and thought continuing this would be a good idea and to give those participating in the workshop these short messages on the bus between stops.

IV. Adjourn 9:04