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Minutes April 5, 2023

Present: Gordy, Kris, Al, David N, Jamie, Dave C, Aubrey, John Guest: Commissioner Janicki and Susan David. Commissioner Wesen joined towards the end in prep for a mill tour. Absent: Chuck, Steve, Tim and Peter

- I. Minutes: Moved by Gordy seconded by Aubrey to approve. Unanimous.
- II. Updates:
 - a. Al is encouraging folks to join the national organization, which is WFFA at the State level. It helps bring a larger audience, and gets relevant information distributed. He shared the pamphlets.
 - b. Discussion about DRAX, the pellet plant in Longview.
 - c. Discussion about "Good Neighbor Authority" and who are the parties involved. It was noted that this is used in eastern Washington, especially by Vaagen Bros. with federal land sales. It is for forest health and fire reduction. Can it be utilized more on the west side? Should there be some pilot projects? Can Skagit get involved? This led to the discussion on the various collaboratives, i.e., the Darrington Collaborative and what progress has been made. In one of the future meetings, preferably June, it was suggested to have Angelina and Matt talk about the Collaborative.
- III. State Lands
 - a. BNR- Commissioner Janicki gave an update and noted her concerns about the protesters of the sales. The sales were all approved. Once again, the lightening talks shared at the start of the meetings have been good information for sharing. Commissioner Janicki said she'd ask Brian Young if Skagit's TV could air the clips.
- IV. Cascade River. Kendra talked to the DOE regarding the timing of submitting the public comment (PC) letter regarding the Rule-making for portions of the river to a Tier III classification. It was noted that it would be best once PC is opened, probably in early June. DOE told her they would send notice out.
- V. DNR/ Forest Industrial owners meeting: Most of the FAB members attended the meeting and shared outcomes and expectations. A follow up meeting is to be scheduled. One pressing question was why a FPA could not be obtained immediately following a decision rather than weeks later. It was noted that specifics were not discussed, rather saved for the follow up meeting. DNR acknowledged that some action needed to occur.
- VI. Education: Nick has been working on the first of hopefully many workshops for educators! This will be a 2-day!!! Event in June and the site visits are currently being developed. They will be staying at Glacier Peak resort and visiting logging sites, mills, plant nursery and whatever else time will permit.

VII. FAB asked the Commissioner's the status of the Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Janicki noted that Will resigned from the case, which left Skagit without representation therefore dropping the lawsuit.

VIII. Adjourn: 9:08