

NEWFC Board – Minutes
April 19, 2011
Vaagen Bros. Conference Room

Next meeting: Joint NEWFC/Forest Service - May 5, 10 AM to noon at the Forest Service supervisor's office

Attending board: David Heflick, Russ Vaagen (vice president), Ron Gray (treasurer), Tim Coleman (secretary), Steve West, Derrick Knowles, Maurice Williamson, Bob Playfair, Steve West and Dick Dunton -- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Mike Petersen, Jeff Juel, Phil Carew, Lloyd McGee

Technical Advisory Members: Steve McConnell, Scott Ketchum, Josh Anderson
Also Present: Staci Hanlin, TEDD

Agenda

1. Review January Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's report
3. Introductions – Staci Hanlin
4. Committee Reports
5. Columbia Highlands Initiative
6. Board Elections
7. Forest Service points of contact
8. Next meeting

Minutes

1. Review of March 2011 Minutes. **Motion:** Maurice motioned and Ron seconded to approve. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

The current check book balance is \$3,179.31. **Motion:** Dick motioned and Bob seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved

3. Staci Hanlin

Staci works for Tri County Economic Development District which is an active participant in various community groups. Russ noted that NEWFC is hoping Staci could help us with grant writing. Staci informed the board that Work Force has about \$5K for certification, training, equipment and travel expense needs of local businesses.

4. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee

Committee met last week and in addition to preparing board meeting agenda discussed: 1) executive director search, 2) outreach to Senator Morton and reps. Kretz and Short, and commissioners

- Projects Committee:

The RAC grant for Misery Project Monitoring requires \$2,700 in-kind donation. The grant agreement requires a drug-free policy which also requires a change to NEWFC Rules and Procedures.

Motion: Maurice moved and Bob seconded to amend NEWFC's Policy and Procedures to read: "A Board member employee or sub-recipient must notify the Coalition in writing if he or she is convicted for a violation of a criminal drug statute"

occurring in the workplace, and must do so no more than five calendar days after the conviction.” Approved

Dick requested the board appoint Sherry Kaelber to provide administrative and accounting services for the Misery Monitoring RAC grant. Monitoring protocols were recently published in the Statesman-Examiner, Newport Miner, and Chewelah Independent; and the public was asked to review them and to submit comments. Comments will be accepted through the end of the April.

Motion: Dick motioned and Russ seconded to appoint Sherry Kaelber to be the Administrative Assistant - for the RAC grant. Approved (All eyes except Maurice abstained)

Dick requested the board appoint him as the monitoring contractor of Misery Project Monitoring and to receive pay for services rendered including hours, travel expenses and field guide development.

Motion: Maurice motioned and Tim seconded to appoint Dick Dunton to act as monitoring Program Coordinator of the Misery Project Monitoring. Approved (All eyes except Dick abstained)

Dick would like approval to hire Brent Winterowd to carry out regen harvest, road maintenance and stream buffer monitoring for the Misery Project Monitoring.

Motion: Dick motioned and Russ seconded to approve hiring Brent Winterowd to carry out regen harvest, road maintenance and stream buffer monitoring associated with Misery Project Monitoring. Approved (Maurice abstained)

- Task Force

Task Force will meet on April 21 to discuss Power Lake Project and Derek Churchill's mesic prescriptions.

- Education & Public Relations

David and Russ have a place on Ferry County commissioner's agenda next week to talk about coalition work. There have been several recent press stories about the Coalition – we are receiving a lot of positive coverage. Tim and Maurice attended an outreach event at the McKellar's last week to promote NEWFC's management proposal across the Colville National Forest.

5. Columbia Highlands Initiative (CHI)

Tim explained that Conservation Caucus views CHI as an expression of NEWFC agreements plus working ranch and private forests, improving recreation infrastructure and protection of roadless areas. The Conservation Caucus has actively promoted NEWFC forestry agreements to its membership and the public and would appreciate industry speaking positively about wilderness, conservation and recreation areas proposed in CHI. All proposed special protections are consistent with NEWFC agreements. Russ pointed out that understanding the specifics of the Columbia Highlands Initiative proposal and how they align with the old Blueprint would be helpful.

Russ explained that all he really needed was an explanation of CHI. He would like hard copies of: 1) description of Columbia Highlands Initiative briefing materials and 2) a map.

Motion: Russ moved and Bob seconded to create and distribute a hard copy description of Columbia Highlands Initiative, range management and protected areas map compiled in a packet to be distributed to the Board and Technical Advisors. Approved

6. Board elections

The Annual Meeting and elections are to be held in the second quarter which concludes at the end of June, date and time to be decided at the May 5 board meeting. Regarding president/chair role, Tim suggested there could be a president and executive secretary role. Steve W. suggested that board president be a co-chair position with conservation and industry sharing in that role.

7. Forest Service Points of Contact

The Forest Service would like NEWFC to identify its official people of contact to them regarding forestry projects.

Motion: Russ moved and Dick seconded to appoint Dave Heflick and Maurice Williamson as official points of contact between NEWFC and the CNF. Approved

8. **Next meeting:** May 5, 10AM – noon, at the Colville National Forest supervisor’s office conference room. A board meeting will follow at Vaagen Bros. conference room 1-3 PM. The Executive Committee will meet at 10 AM, May 3.

Lloyd McGee, President

Tim Coleman, Secretary