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Forestry Advisory Committee **Meeting**

LOCATION

**Hybrid Meeting: Zoom (details below) and
Northwest Annex Conference Room
Whatcom County Planning and Development Services
5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226**

Date: September 3, 2024

Time: 4:00-6:00 P.M. Pacific Time PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Forestry Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

September 3, 2024

4:00-6:00 P.M.

1. Roll call/Determination of Quorum
2. Agenda Review & Approval
3. Approval of 8/6/24 meeting summary
4. Open Public Session
5. Guest Speaker (45 minutes)
 - Presentation by Jay McLaughlin, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards, on the Mt. Adams Community Forest
6. New Business
 - Presentation on Little Lilly State Lands Timber sale by Chris Hankey, WDNR Baker District Manager (20 minutes)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Discuss and consider recommendation to County Council*
7. Reports (20 minutes)
 - Parks & Recreation Forestry Planning (Knox)
 - DNR/BNR (McDonald)
 - Forestry Practices Board (Gold)
 - Ag Advisory Committee (David)
 - Forest Resilience Task Force (Petroske/McDonald)
8. Old Business
 - Forestry Profile subcommittee reports
 - Continued discussion the posting of meeting materials to the FAC's webpage
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Attachments:

- Draft 8/6/24 meeting summary
- * handouts to be distributed at meeting

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Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)
DRAFT Meeting Summary
August 6, 2024

Start Time:	4:00 p.m.
Location:	Northwest Annex Central Conference Room/Zoom

Attendees – Members	Affiliation	Present	Absent (Excused?)
David New	Small forest landowner	√	
Holly Koon	Small forest landowner	√	
John Gold	Commercial forest landowner	√	
David Janicki	Commercial forest landowner	√	
Matt McGee	Harvester		√ (N)
Quentin Dills	Harvester		√ (N)
Jed Dawson	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√	
Tracy Petroske	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√	
Aubrey Stargell	Forest product manufacturer	√	
Susan David	Forest product manufacturer	√	
Cory McDonald	DNR	√	
		Quorum Present	
Electeds			
Staff			
Cliff Strong	W/C PDS	√	
Alex Harris	W/C PDS	√	
Public			
Alan Chapman	AAC	√	
Kaia Hayes	ReSources	√	
Roger Brock		√	

Meeting Summary

Chair Gold opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting summary of 6/4/24 was approved.

Agenda Review & Approval

The agenda was reviewed and 3 items were added: Posting materials on webpage, Forestry Policy Board, Lake Whatcom Management Work Program

Open Public Session

Alex H. (aharris@co.whatcom.wa.us) reintroduced himself and spoke to the Conservation Easement Program he’s working on (see <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/573/Conservation-Easement-Program> and [storymap](#)). FAC expressed an interest in a presentation from him at a future meeting.

Kaia Hayes, Land and Water Policy Manager for ReSources, introduced herself.

Subcommittee Reports

DNR/BNR

Cory McDonald reported:

1. There was no board meeting in August.
2. A couple of lawsuits of note: Baloney and Stilly Revisited timber sales being challenged. DNR won on Freedom timber sale.
3. Reviewed DNR's "Landscape Assessment to Meet Older Forest Targets in Western Washington" presentation.

Forestry Policy Board

Chair Gold reported that the FPB has a 2-day field tour next week on the Vale Tree Farm to show new stream-typing rule and discussed that new rule and the FPB agenda.

Forest Resilience Task Force

Tracy Petroski & Cory McDonald reported that the FRTF had their 1st meeting. Homework assigned was for each member to come up with 2 overarching goals. Tracy reviewed her draft for the FAC to review (which was handed out with the meeting packet.)

Cory stressed that he still doesn't know what the product will be. How will it be used? It can't affect private, federal, or DNR properties, only Whatcom County properties. The end product needs to be better defined. Holly referred to text in Executive Sidhu's letter to give clues.

The FAC discussed in depth. The top 3 goals were:

- Develop a framework for engagement.
- Use agreed-upon definitions for words and terms.
- Economic sustainability for the timber industry.

Old Business

Posting of meeting materials

Holly expressed her concern that their meeting materials (those passed out during the meeting and not beforehand) are not being posted properly. Cliff said he'd follow up on it.

New Business

Briefing on Docket Item PLN2024-00007, Reviewing allowed uses in the Heavy Impact Industrial district within a city's Urban Growth Area

Cliff briefed the FAC on this project and what the Council has directed Planning and Development Services and the Planning Commission to do, as well as an effort (through the CompPlan update) to find additional industrial lands. The FAC is concerned that there be adequate and available industrial land so as to support the timber industry.

Announcements

John spoke to some handouts provided in the packet and:

- Reported that the Treasurer has provided the requested tax information.
- Reviewed, and the FAC discussed, Executive Sidhu's letter to DNR suggesting they rezone some of their properties from Rural Forestry to Commercial Forestry.

There was a question regarding the status of the Forestry Management Plan. Asked if Bennett Knox could provide a briefing at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Gold adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM. The next meeting is on September 3, 2024, 4-6pm; Zoom and Northwest Annex Conference Room.