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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: April 2, 2023

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

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Forestry Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

April 2, 2024

4:00-6:00 P.M.

1. Roll call/Determination of Quorum
2. Agenda Review & Approval
3. Approval of 3/5/2023 meeting summary
4. Open Public Session
5. Administration
6. Guest Speaker(s)
 - Federal forest management by the Darrington Collaborative: Taylor Luneau, the Wilderness Society, and Dan Rankin, Mayor of Darrington
7. Reports (20 minutes)
 - DNR/BNR (McDonald)
 - FPB (Gold)
 - Legislative Update (Gold)
 - Forest Resilience Task Force (McDonald/Petroske)
 - Stewart Mountain Community Forest (Elder, invited)
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - Review of 2nd section of the draft Whatcom Forestry Profile (David, 30 minutes)
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment

Attachments:

- Draft 3/5/2024 meeting summary
- Updated monthly workplan

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Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)
DRAFT Meeting Summary
March 5, 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		√ (Y)
John Gold	Commercial forest landowner		√ (Y)
David Janicki	Commercial forest landowner	√	
Matt McGee	Harvester		√ (Y)
Quentin Dills	Harvester		√ (N)
Jed Dawson	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√	
Tracy Petroske	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√	
Aubrey Stargell	Forest product manufacturer		√ (Y)
Susan David	Forest product manufacturer	√	
Cory McDonald	DNR	√	
Quorum Present			
Electeds			
Staff			
Cliff Strong	W/C PDS	√	
Public			
Alex Harris	ReSources		
Alan Chapman			
Eric Jacoby			

Meeting Summary

Vice Chair David opened the meeting at 4:01 PM.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Agenda Review & Approval

The agenda was approved with 0 amendments.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting summary of 2/6/24 was approved.

Open Public Session

Alex Harris introduced himself.

Administration

Subcommittee Reports

DNR/BNR Update

Cory McDonald reported that the BNR met today and reviewed a proposed letter to Thurston Co. regarding the Cabbage Patch sale and the County’s request to remove 2 units. There was also a

“lightening talk” re: old growth identification procedures. Also discussed a transfer of property to Kitsap County for a park.

Whatcom Forestry Profile Subcommittee

Will talk about under New Business.

Legislative Update

Jed Dawson provided an update on the legislature. Session ends in 2 days. Considering supplemental capital operating budget. Have more revenue than expected. Jed listed line items related to forestry.

Bills still progressing are SB’s 5667, 6121, 2489, 6058 & HB’s 2003, 1818, & 2207. SB 6281 is dead.

Forest Resilience Task Force – Appointment of FAC Representatives

Hasn’t met yet. In process of hiring a facilitator.

Old Business**Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update**

Cliff reminded the TAC of their task, reviewed the comments he’s received so far, and opened the floor for any other ideas/comments. Tracy Petroske offered 2, one of which was added after much discussion. Susan also added the recommendations the FAC made to the Climate Impact Advisory Committee regarding the Climate Action Plan. The FAC approved the final list, which Cliff will forward to the CompPlan consultant. Alan Chapman informed the FAC that the Agricultural Advisory Committee is reaching out to other Advisory Committees to work together on common goals.

New Business**Review of 1 section of the draft Whatcom Forestry Profile**

David Janicki reviewed his draft portion of the Whatcom Forestry Profile regarding forestlands ownership and production in Whatcom County, and some of the trends he found. There was much discussion, as well as appreciation of his work so far; though he acknowledged that he still has work to do on it, including a summary of salient points. Tracy offered some suggestions, and her help in finishing it.

Announcements

Susan announced this year’s 39th Annual Woods Tour, to be held on Friday, June 7th, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Deming Log Show grounds.

Adjournment

Vice Chair David adjourned the meeting at 5:32 PM. Next meeting is on April 2, 2024, 4-6pm; Zoom and Northwest Annex Conference Room.

