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Minutes

6-7-23

Present: Peter, Kris, Jamie, David, Dave, Tim, John, Steve, Al, and Aubrey Absent: Chuck, Gordy. Guest: Commissioner Janicki, Nick Kunz, Regina Wandler (Skagit Land Trust), Clare Sobeetski (DNR) and Amy Keiper (FIT)

- I. Minutes: Moved by Tim and seconded by Peter to approve- unanimous
- II. Updates:
 - a. USFS is in the Final EIS of the PNW Scenic Trail (1200 miles between Montana and Washington going through Skagit County). Kendra sending webpage link to FAB.
 - b. NW DNR meeting, ensure the WAC's are followed and maintain a viable timber industry. DNR can't meet the 14-day requirement for a permit approval. Next meeting in October.
 - c. Commissioner Janicki noted that she was trying to get on-camera time to air to the public educational updates.
 - d. Timber Counties had a meeting where the DNR presented the work being done on developing a Recreational Plan.
- III. Teacher Workshop: Nick, Clare and Amy gave an update of the proposed agenda for the workshop occurring June 27-28. The first day will be on Blanchard with other stops.
- IV. TFW Policy: FPB will hold a special meeting at its regular August meeting regarding the potential breach of the Open Public Meetings Act when voting on the Type N proposal. Rule writing is in progress for the water-typing. The AFF proposal by DNR is being reviewed by Policy. The AMPA will make a determination. Small landowners are still looking for some sort of "deal" to help lessen the impact of the FP Rules on their small parcels.
- V. BNR: Commissioner Janicki reported saying there were lots of comments on the proposed timber sales. A brief leg update was given on the funding appropriations to the DNR. A portion of a Recreational Plan was given by Staff. It appears DNR wants to move quickly in getting a Plan adopted.
- VI. Homeless issues: This is State -wide. There are folks setting up homes on private lands. Foresters need some local support from law enforcement, but they don't appear to have staff or money to be patrolling. They noted that it was a landowner's problem that trash etc., were left on lands. Steve noted that there have been past agreements with agencies like WDFW and some paid contracts to help out. It is also an issue of safety and fire concern. Commissioner Janicki said she would let the other Commissioners know.
- VII. Adjourn: 9:05.