

**Final  
Committee for Family Forestlands  
Minutes  
June 29, 2006**

A meeting of the Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) was held at the Tillamook Forest Center. Chair Ron Cease called the meeting to order at 10:06.

*Committee members present:*

Ron Cease	Gary Springer
Paul Bell	Fritz Ellett
Peter Hayes	Viviane Simon-Brown by phone
Bill Arsenault	

*Committee members absent:*

Ted Lorensen	Ned Livingston
Greg Miller	Mike Cloughesy

*Staff present:*

Julie Welp, ODF

*Guests:*

Dan Postrel, ODF	Arlene Whalen, ODF
Ross Holloway, ODF	Bernie Bochsler, ODF
Tom Nygren	Joe Holmberg, OSU

**Agenda Items:**

1. Approve minutes from May 9, 2006
2. Follow-up actions on the Annual Report to the Board of Forestry, the nursery recommendations, and the communications plan status
3. Update on the Private Forests Program
4. 2007 - 09 program budget proposals and department legislative concepts
5. Tour and presentation of the Tillamook Forest Center
6. Symposium work Session
7. Schedule next meeting

**Introductions:** Meeting attendees introduced themselves. Fritz Ellett is a new member of the committee and he provided a brief summary of his background.

**Review minutes from May 9, 2006:** The minutes were approved with corrections.

**Follow up on Past Actions:**

Ron Cease brought the committee up-to-date on the Annual Report presentation at the previous Board of Forestry meeting. He said that the Board had many compliments for the good work this committee does. Paul commented that the Board is relying more and more on the committee to take on crucial issues that are important to the department and to provide feedback to the Board.

Paul provided a summary of the Board's decision on the nursery. The Board accepted all the recommendations put forward by the Department and the Committee. The Board directed the department to proceed as expeditiously as possible to finish the remaining work that needs to be done so the value of the nursery can be determined. Then, define what steps are necessary to sell the nursery. The Board will then determine whether or not to sell. The department plans to present the necessary information to the Board sometime between July and September, sooner rather than later.

Bill Arsenault brought up the idea of honoring Ilene Waldorf with a plaque in addition to the tree the committee wants to plant on ODF's Salem compound. Paul said that we have approval to plant the tree and Bill and Peter need to talk with Paul Ries to decide on the species of the tree and the location to plant.

#### **Update of the Private Forests Program**

Paul Bell updated the committee on the recent personnel changes in the Private Forests Program. Jim Paul moved from Policy Unit manager to an Assistant State Forester position, so Mike Cafferata is filling in as Policy Unit Manager until someone is hired permanently. Paul Bell will be moving to an Assistant State Forester position as of September 1. Jim Cathcart has been filling in as the Acting Monitoring and Forest Health Manager. Recruitment is occurring for all three positions.

#### **2007 - 09 Program Budget Proposals and Communications**

Paul brought the committee up-to-date on the Private Forests Program budget proposal. He explained the various Policy Option Packages (POPs) the program has proposed. He handed out a list of the proposed POPs listed by priority. The POPs include several positions both on staff and in the field that have been reduced over the past several years. Paul believes that this program option package is critical to complete the work the program is responsible for.

Dan Postrel, Agency Affairs Director, spoke about the importance of getting the program's message out to the public and the legislature. We need to emphasize the value of private forest lands, and how they are critical to Oregon's economy, environment, and quality of life. He handed out a draft brochure Arlene Whalen has developed summarizing the program, what it does, what it needs to do, and how important appropriate funding is to maintain current program operations. The committee provided feedback and offered suggestions on the best way to communicate our goals and needs to the public and legislators to generate the desired response.

Arlene updated the committee about a communications plan for CFF that is pending. She is working with Paul and is about to introduce it to other members of the management staff. She would appreciate any input this group would have on the plan.

#### **Symposium Update**

Vivian joined the group by phone. There are a lot of things the group needs to discuss today. Vivian led the review of a report she prepared and distributed to the committee that summarized what has been done and what still needs to be done. Several items in the report were discussed and clarified. One question regarded the title of the symposium and Arlene offered to do some wordsmithing on it. There was also some discussion about the wording of the objectives and indicators; Peter and Bill will work on those. There will be no field trips during the 2 days of the symposium. The group decided that it is necessary for the full symposium committee to meet in late July. Arlene asked if we can afford to video-tape any

of the symposium, and post it on the web, and maybe make DVDs. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

### **Legislative Concepts**

Don Postrel provided a presentation on department legislative concepts, which could become bills that are introduced to the Legislature. There are various levels of approval for the concepts, both within the agency and within DAS before a bill is actually introduced to the Legislature. Bills frequently are pulled either by the agency or DAS for any number of reasons. Paul Bell and Dan provided a rundown of the legislative concepts that the department and program have drafted.

### **Next meeting for the full CFF**

Several dates at the end of August were discussed but since several members of the committee weren't present at this meeting, it was decided to wait to set a date until hearing back from everyone.

Minutes compiled by Julie Welp.