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Committee for Family Forestlands  
Minutes  
August 31, 2006

A meeting of the Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) was held in the Sunpass room at ODF's Salem compound. Chair Ron Cease called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

*Committee members present:*

Ron Cease	Gary Springer
Lena Tucker	Ned Livingston
Peter Hayes	Mike Cloughesy
Bill Arsenault	

*Committee members absent:*

Ted Lorensen (ex-officio)	Fritz Ellett
Greg Miller	Viviane Simon-Brown

*Staff present:*

Julie Welp, ODF

*Guests:*

Arlene Whalen, ODF	Bernie Bochsler, ODF
Jim Cathcart, ODF	Keith Baldwin, ODF
Lanny Quackenbush, ODF	Steve Vaught, ODF
Dan Shults, ODF	Jennifer Weikel, ODF
Brad Knotts, ODF	

**Agenda Items:**

1. Review Agenda
2. Approve Minutes from June 29, 2006
3. Follow Up on Past Actions
4. CFF Communication Plan
5. Annual Monitoring Update
6. Seedling Clearinghouse Model
7. Forest Resource Trust Update
8. Board of Forestry Items
9. Determination of Next Meeting

The group would like to be kept up on special resources issues before the Board of Forestry as they could impact family forestland owners. Providing the committee with the agendas from upcoming Board would also be helpful.

Also discussed was a tree-planting ceremony for Ilene Waldorf. This is something the group has wanted to do for a while, and it should be done fairly soon, especially before the bad weather hits. A decision needs to be made on tree species and where on the compound to plant. There will be a final proposal presented at the next CFF meeting.

**Review minutes from June 29, 2006:** The minutes were approved as written.

### **Follow up on Past Actions:**

The group was brought up-to-date on the recent developments with the symposium subcommittees. Mike Cloughesy provided information on the logistics side of things.

- There will be a one-page online registration for the events at the symposium.
- OSU's Conference Services will handle the registration and receive the money and put it into the OSU Forestry extension account.
- OFRI will create the main web page for the conference and other organizations will be able to link to it.
- Conference Services will do the online registration page for all the symposium events, including regional workshops, the main symposium, and all the OSWA events.
- OFRI will handle the advertising.
- The flyer will be done jointly between OFRI and Arlene Whalen.
- The mailing will be handled by extension services who will coordinate all the mailing lists from the various organizations involved in the symposium.
- Arlene will draft a marketing plan.
- OFRI will make all the signs and posters.
- The OSU College of Forestry will pay the bills from the OSU Forestry extension account.
- Computers will be provided by various sources.
- It's been discovered that the listening posts idea will be more complicated and costly than initially budgeted for, so the money set aside for that could be used by OSWA FFO, perhaps for another survey. There is a \$15,000 hole in the budget that could maybe be used to finance the listening posts.
- We want to do six regional workshops, but are only budgeted for five. We need to figure out how pay for a sixth one.

Arlene asked how the group wants to handle the initial teaser, flyers and advertising. How do we get this information to the public through various environmental and forestry organizations? A teaser can be sent to these organizations so they can run it in their newsletters, web pages, etc. and we can use their mailing lists to send information out. We can also ask some of these organizations for financial donations.

### **Communication Plan:**

Arlene provided the group with an update of the communication plan for the committee. We need to get the word out to family forestland owners what the group does and what the issues are. Key messages are:

- Family forestlands are forestlands in peoples' back yards that people see the most.
- Family forestland owners are a diverse group who are managing their land for a variety of values and who have different needs from larger, industrial landowners.
- The Board of Forestry leads Oregon in implementing policies and programs openly and inclusively on behalf of the public interest to promote environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of Oregon's public and private forests.
- The Committee for Family Forestlands supports the Board's mission by serving as a liaison between the Board and family forestland owners.
- The Board of Forestry has become increasingly dependent upon the Committee for Family Forestlands to help evaluate forestry issues and make appropriate recommendations.

The committee discussed each of these measures and offered ideas and wordsmithing suggestions. Arlene, then, outlined possible strategies to accomplish the key measures. The strategies would be implemented over the next several months. Ideas include:

- Develop and improve the CFF web page
- Develop a CFF 'news column' for the ODF Forest Log

- Develop marketing tools
- CFF members develop 'position papers'
- Provide a 'personal' invite to an individual from the public with forestry interest to attend each CFF meeting as a special 'guest of honor'
- Explore opportunities to build public awareness of CFF through the World Forestry Center and other areas.
- Continue to send out media advisories announcing CFF meetings.

### **Annual Monitoring Update**

Jim Cathcart brought the group up-to-date on the Monitoring Unit and issues. One area was the ripstream rules and strategies; some have been analyzed, some have not. He described the baseline analysis and the one year post-harvest stream temperature data analysis. He then went on to discuss High Aquatic Potential (HAP). These are stream reaches that, based on certain geophysical features, have the potential for providing high habitat for fish because of their ability to support bio-physical habitat features. He explained the monitoring being done in these areas.

### **Nursery Update**

Dan Shults and Sara Lipow led the discussion of Phipps Nursery. Dan reminded the committee of previous issues and conclusions, including the possibility of selling the nursery. He went on to talk about factors that would need to be considered in deciding the future of the nursery. They need to decide if they should plant seedlings this year, and what the impact of selling Phipps could have on the current nursery employees. The responsibility of the State to provide certain seedlings was also discussed. The committee decided to send a letter to the Board and department stating that they recognize and support the importance of the State and department taking a leadership role in dealing with the private nurseries and commercial suppliers, and the clearinghouse idea.

### **Forest Resource Trust Update**

Keith Baldwin, the acting manager of the Forest Resource Trust, provided an update on the trust. He began with a brief summary of the background of the program. He explained how, in June, the program met with representatives from the field, stakeholders, consultants, and landowners to get their views and experience with the trust, what the deterrents are, and how it could be improved. A Forest Resource Trust Advisory committee met in late June to discuss these and other issues. Keith provided the committee with proposed revisions to the Forests Resource Trust Administrative Rules and the proposed restructuring of the Forest Resource Trust statutes to make them more clear.

### **Board of Forestry Items - Rule Concepts 3 and 4**

The committee was updated on Rule Concepts 3 (Riparian management areas above fish barriers) and 4 (Wood from debris flows and landslides). The presentation included information that will be provided to the Board of Forestry at the September Board meeting, including what the workload implications are for the department and the workload implications for the landowner, and what low priority duties will need to be dropped by the department so the staff can take on these new rules. The department would need approximately 4 full-time positions to accomplish the workload associated with these new rules.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 - 3:00, at ODF in Salem. The committee would like to have staff at the next meeting to discuss enforcement issue and reforestation. Some of the public have wondered what kind of monitoring is going on in certain areas and how much. Also, what is the Governor doing about filling Board vacancies?

Minutes compiled by Julie Welp.