

SFAC

Summary of Meeting Minutes

03/26/2010

(Annotated from note takers)

Attending Committee members: Barrett Brown, Leslie Shaw, Denise Lofman, Rex Storm, Mathew Betts, Dave Kunert, Fred MacGregor, Carolyn Eady, Ed Kamholz, Mike Bordelon, Mike Cafferata

General Public: Chris Jarmer, Wayne Nalon, Greg Mecklem (Candidate for Washington County Board of Commissioners)

Public Comment: Greg Mecklem presented written comments and made a statement urging ODF to work in a collaborative manner with the county commissioners.

- Housekeeping
 - No meeting summary available from last meeting in October.
 - Mike B reviewed the selection process for new committee members and the selection of the new chair person, Ed ~~Kamholtz~~Kamholz.
 - New members introduced.
 - It was discussed that this meeting is normally used for reviewing the accomplishments from the previous AOP. That information will be presented to SFAC in the future using the same reporting methods as FTLAC (et al) to minimize multiple accomplishment reports.
 - Mike C provided an Area and Division organizational chart on the white board.
- BOF Policy Updates
 - Mike C presented a diagram of the policy framework for the Sate Forest Division starting from GPV through to the AOP.
 - Reviewed Forest Management Plan revision process - Mike C
 - Reviewed GPV and Rule Making revision processes - Mike C
 - Reviewed the Public Advisory Committee linked to the FMP revision process.
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 - Public Advisory Committee (PAC) impressions from Ed H. and Barrett B. who are serving on the PAC:
 - Barrett - The group discussed what GPV meant to them (14 people with very diverse backgrounds) with minimal understanding of forest planning processes...challenge to facilitate...with a broad range of opinions. Barrett stated that the GPV is one of the most important OARs to him...hopeful and optimistic rule...and he is very supportive of its current language.

- Ed – Some of the interests represented on the PAC included environmental groups, timber industry, general public, and counties, which was a diverse group that could be found. Impressed that there was a real dialogue between members that stayed in the room and not in the media. The PAC demonstrated a sincere wish to manage the forests “right”. Initially there was a gap in a common understanding of terminology, which presented problems at first. This process captured the thoughts and ideas for presentation to the Board of Forestry (BOF) without reaching a total consensus. The primacy of timber providing revenue to the counties was present in almost all conversation.
- State Forest Fiscal Planning and FY2011 AOP preview: Mike B and Mike C
 - Handouts included January 2010 ODF Share Revenue Projection, Budget Allocation, and Interim Recreation Guidance.
 - Reviewed FY2011 Budget instructions
 - Fred MacGregor said that Rick Fletcher (OSU Extension office) is working with small woodland owners in developing carbon credits...possible income source for ODF?
 - Denise Lofman stated that there is a growing interest in ecosystem services.
 - (ODF is pursuing carbon and wind resources – and they may help economic picture, but very uncertain at this point)
 - Reviewed interim recreation guidance...Mike B asked the committee if this document conveyed the “right” message in context with all of the other budget constraints.
 - Fred MacGregor asked about the timeline for the recreation visioning process. Mike C responded that work will be dependent on other BOF work and divisional priorities. Current thinking is to develop more a shorter term vision (tactical) versus a strategic vision which would take more effort and time. Carolyn Eady suggested that maybe that the shorter vision could be linked with the development of Implementation Plans (IP’s).
 - Rob Nall provided a document that summarized the draft FY11 AOP.
 - Carolyn asked if the DFC stands from the 2009 IP revision are still in the same place. Ty Williams and Tome Savage stated that the draft AOP is in alignment with the approved IP (2009) and its landscape design.
 - Astoria staff presented some highlights of their AOP.
 - Barrett said that all the AOP’s improved in continuity between districts and were more understandable. He complemented the use of a PDX

index in the Astoria AOP...complemented Forest Grove on stating that the district will complete a comprehensive trail plan in the AOP.

- Wayne Auble stated that Forest Grove is targeting one pole sale per year and is expecting a doubling of reforestation efforts due to increases in regeneration harvesting.
- Rex said that the Tillamook district is facing a larger challenge in needed investments into transportation systems compared to other districts...commends district for still pushing through these road issues in these tough economic times.

○ Tillamook Challenges:

- Andy White provided a one page handout describing the three main data needs for the district (Available acres, Inventory, and Transportation Planning).
 - Barrett asked if there were any efforts to work with the counties on permitting home sites.
 - Denise asked a similar question and suggested good coordination with the county planning office.
 - Andy described the current conversations with Tillamook ~~county~~County and stated that some progress had occurred but that there is still a ways to go to resolve this issue.
 - SFAC thoughts/input:
 - Present data or results in a way to show degrees of certainty.
 - “Best available science” was a common expectation...suggested developing a white paper describing the story of how ODF is going about getting the products...the process is the story.
 - District should stratify stands and available acre designations as much as possible.
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 - Rex Storm is willing to help in this process and would like to be consulted as we move forward.

○ AOP REVIEW PROCESS: Rather than meet on May 28th, the committee agreed to submit written comments to Rob Nall (rnall@odf.state.or.us) by the end of the AOP public comment period on May 12th. Rob will summarize and the committee will review and discuss at the soon to be scheduled field tour.

- Rob will post copies of the SFAC FY10 AOP comments on the web site and send examples of comments to the new committee members.
- April will send out an email or doodle to schedule field trip dates, preferably June or very early July (prior to fire season). The field tour will be in the **North Cascade district**.