

Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)
Meeting Summary
April 11, 2023

Start Time:	8:45 AM
Location:	Northwest Annex/Zoom

Attendees – Members	Affiliation	Present
David New	Small forest landowner	√
Holly Koon	Small forest landowner	
John Gold	Commercial forest landowner	√
David Janicki	Commercial forest landowner	√
Matt McGee	Harvester	√
Quentin Dills	Harvester	
Jed Dawson	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√
Bagley Wright	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√
Aubrey Stargell	Forest product manufacturer	
Susan David	Forest product manufacturer	√
Cory McDonald	DNR	√
Quorum Present		Yes
Staff		
Cliff Strong	PDS	√
Chris Elder	PW	√
Public		
Alex Harris		

Meeting Notes

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Open Public Session

No members of the public spoke.

New Business

- Discussion and response to Council’s proposed letter to WDNR re: Brokedown Palace timber sale

Chair Gold called a special meeting after receiving request from FAC members. He reviewed the County Council’s draft letter with the FAC, which was made public last week after the FAC’s regularly scheduled meeting. However, it is on the Council’s Natural Resources Committee and Council agendas today.

Susan reviewed a response letter she drafted for the FAC’s consideration. The FAC generally supported the letter as drafted. However, they suggested a few edits and expressed that the Council should seek their advised prior to drafting such a letter.

The meeting was suspended at 9:00 AM due to technical difficulties. The meeting was restarted at 9:11 AM and a quorum was reestablished.

Motion to allow Susan to modify the letter based on the FAC’s discussion. Seconded. Motion carried 8 to 0. (Note: Aubrey Stargell, though not present, had issued a proxy for his votes.)

Motion to change “suggested” to “requested” in the penultimate paragraph. Seconded. Motion carried 8 to 0.

Motion to authorize Chair and Vice-Chair to present the revised FAC letter to Council today. Seconded. Motion carried 8 to 0.

Adjournment

Chair Gold adjourned the meeting at 9:19 AM. Next regular meeting is on May 2nd, 4-6pm; Zoom and Northwest Annex Conference Room