

**Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)  
Meeting Summary  
June 6, 2023**

Start Time:	4:00 p.m.
Location:	Northwest Annex Central Conference Room/Zoom

<b>Attendees – Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>
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	√
<b>Quorum Present</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Staff</b>		
Cliff Strong	PDS	√
<b>Public</b>		
Alex Harris	ReSources	√
Tracy Petroske		√
Alan Chapman		√
Tom Davis	WFPA	√

**Meeting Notes**

**Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

The meeting summary for 5/2/2023 was approved: 7 yea, 0 no, 3 absent, 0 abstention.

**Open Public Session**

Alex Harris introduced himself.

**State Lands/DNR Update**

Cory McDonald provided an update on the most recent Board of Natural Resources meeting. It was noted that there has been more animosity from audience members lately.

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Whatcom Forestry Profile Subcommittee**

Vice-chair David reported that subcommittee members have each taken on topics:

- Susan is working on supply chain issues, as supply seems to be decreasing. She started a list of mills that rely on Whatcom supply, a list of logging contractors, and solicited ideas from the FAC members as to who else to contact.
- Aubrey is working on governance, agencies, and regulations and compiling a list of all pertinent ones.
- Holly is working on the economic impacts of the timber industry in Whatcom, working with junior taxing districts and the County Treasurer.
- David J was not present to report.

### **Forest Carbon Subcommittee**

Chair Gold folded this briefing into the same topic under Old Business.

### **Old Business**

#### **Discussion and action on Carbon Subcommittee's proposal**

Chair Gold, a member of the subcommittee, reported that they had not received any comments on the draft handed out last month for the FAC members' review. Holly suggested they give members another month to review. Once approved by the FAC in July it will be sent to the Council and County Executive, with a courtesy copy provided to the Climate Impact Advisory Committee.

- ***Motion to table until next month (July) and resend it to the FAC email list. Passed 7-1.*** Chair Gold will do this.

#### **Discussion of Council letter to DNR re: Brokedown Palace**

Vice-Chair David reported that edits had been made to the draft before it was sent to DNR, including that the requested pause only be through the end of 2023, not open ended. The Council noted that junior taxing districts could be affected, and there was a pledge to assist them financially. The FAC expressed their interest in helping draft such letters, not at the end of the process. Chair Gold reported that two Council members stated that the Council should no longer comment on individual sales, but rather on policy.

### **New Business**

#### **Setting the date of next meeting**

Since the FAC's next regularly scheduled meeting is on a holiday (July 4<sup>th</sup>), the FAC provided three potential dates for staff to see whether the room was available: July 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup>. (Note: Upon checking the next day, Cliff found that the 10<sup>th</sup> works best).

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Gold adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM. Next meeting is on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm; Zoom and Northwest Annex Conference Room.