

Oregon Small Woodlands
Executive Committee Meeting
December 8, 2006

Members present: Mike Barnes, Mark Copeland, John Foster, Mike Gaudern, Chris Jarmer, Nancy Hathaway, Frank Pender, John Poppino, Doug Shannon, Gary Springer, Al Thayer.

Conference call attendees: Ken Faulk, Kristina McNitt and Tom Nygren

The meeting was called to order by President Barnes at 10am

Seeding Network

Bob McNitt is going ahead with his forestseedlingnetwork.com website, soon to be online. It will be more far-reaching than the state produced nursery seedling list as it will include planters, etc. OSWA will have a direct link to this website.

Update and Northwest Woodlands

Three chapters have volunteered to cover the extra cost of Northwest Woodlands. For those securing advertisers for the Update, all the information is on our website. OTFS has agreed to pay \$1300 during the next year for one page in each of the 8 issues.

Canadian Softwood Lumber Settlement

There is \$150 million settlement related to Canadian Softwood Imports. We question how woodland owners can acquire some of these monies and what exactly are the strings attached.

Leadership and program overlap within landowner groups.

There was discussion about OTFS and OSWA accomplishing our mutual goals together. A leadership vacuum is beginning to appear in both groups due to a number of issues. The current model of operation sees OSWA reacting rather than being proactive on issues.

At present a woodland owner might be better served by belonging to both as OTFS is the certifier organization and OSWA is the educational and more political organization. However this creates a stain on leadership and cost
Mike Gaudern was tasked to convene a meeting between leaders of various landowner associations in the region to discuss this situation.

Environmental Service Payments

Mark Copeland suggested there should be a way of monetizing forest values so that forest owners see a financial profit for the things that we are regulated to do to protect public resources rather than our only profit coming from cutting timber.

Mike Gaudern reported that this was a major topic of discussion at the recent Northwest Woodland Owners Council Meeting. See NWOC report for more details.

There are many subcomponents to this issue. One is carbon Credit payments for growing trees.

Mark and Mike Gaudern will arrange a call with Clint Bentz (American Tree Farm System) Jim Cathcart (ODF) and Kristina McNitt to discuss carbon credits. Payment could be by a third party.

This is something that OSWA could develop a proactive position and agenda on. We will include this item in the continuing discussion with other landowner groups.

OSWA Field based workshops planned for 2007:

Our vision is that OSWA will be proactive in taking positions on riparian areas, wildlife, and reforestation. The Board of Forestry has two new riparian rules which will be implemented October 1, 2007. There will need to be training sessions for small woodland owners as well as ODF personnel. ODF lost their training coordinator in the budget. However, OSWA is actively working with Mike Caferatti of ODF to plan the workshop.

OFRI are committed to helping host these events. Mike Gaudern is working with one landowner who has agreed to host a workshop.

Board of Forestry Appointments

It was suggested that either Ken Faulk or Bob Kintigh could be put forward as candidates due to their recent recognition as State Tree Farmer of the Year and National Tree Farmer of the Year, respectively. This would not be an unprecedented move as both Wayne Kreiger and Chris Heffernan were named to the Board after they became Tree Farmers of the Year.

Other political issues discussed:

Avonson Lumber has filed a Measure 37 claim that says Measure 37 and the FPA have reduced the value of their land.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hathaway
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