

Kootenai Forest Stakeholders Coalition
Leadership Team Mtg.
Sept. 28, 2006

Present: Bob Clark, Cesar Hernandez, Chuck Roady, Ed Levert, Jeff Gruber, Jeff Juel, John Konzen, Larry Coryell, Mike Peterson, Noel Williams, Paul Bradford, Robyn King, Ron Hvizdak, Sarah Canepa, Tracy McIntyre, Steve Garayalde. Also present in other capacities were Paul Rumelhart and Kevin Chamberlain

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by John Konzen, President.

First item of business was the revision and approval of the By-Laws. Discussion went for one hour and 15 minutes. The changes made to the circulated reflect the diversity of the group and the intention of being action oriented. Discussion included the role of the board of directors, terms of office, relationship to general membership, maintaining balance of represented interests in relation to natural resource issues, qualifications of membership and organization operational procedures. The attached Draft By-Laws is the product of the consensual effort. Noel Williams moved to accept the draft by-laws for presentation to the general membership at the general membership meeting on September 29, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mike Peterson, the motion was approved.

The listing and ballot of the Board of Directors was the next item discussed. Bob Clark offered the original listing of the Leadership team that was approved at the June meeting. The list was revised to reflect active members and those present at this meeting that were interested in serving. The list is attached. Robyn King moved that the list become the ballot and that it be presented to the general membership for approval. Noel Williams seconded the motion, the motion was approved.

Project reports were then discussed, as this was an agenda item. It was decided that the project teams would report at the 29th meeting.

Paul Rumelhart then presented the operating budget and discussion ensued as to item expenditures. It was estimated that the fees for the 501c3 non-profit designation would be about \$300. Mileage reimbursement was agreed upon to be .20 cents per mile for those not being paid by another entity to attend the meetings, state rate for room reimbursement and no reimbursement for meals. The membership asked for an email reimbursement form. It was also decided to include a "Mileage driven" and expense column on the meeting attendance sheet to be for in-kind match calculation, for not seeking reimbursement from the coalition.

John Konzen, Robyn King, and Noel Williams reported on their recent trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for the renewal of **the Rural Schools funding in lieu of forest receipts** legislation. Those attending spent time with the congressional delegations from Florida, Maryland, South Carolina, Louisiana. They spoke of the misconceptions surrounding the notion of public land and the reliance of western rural communities on

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the revenue from the management of these lands. That management has changed and now there is a need to rethink the support to rural communities. There is very little public land in the east and that hindered the knowledge of the concept. They also met with USFS Chief Dale Bosworth and shared their discussion of the actions of the coalition and his interest in the same.

The meeting dissolved at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kevin Chamberlain