

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: May 11, 2016
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Walter Graff, Mark Kelley, Doug Mayer and Alternate Member, David Willcox
Others Present: David Rubel, Gay Rubel, Kevin Lemire - Landvest, David DeGruttola - Landvest, John Stewart - Landvest, John Lanier - Dirt to Trees to Wildlife, Brendan Prusik - Coos County Forester

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM

- I. Minutes of the April 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- II. The new forestry team from Landvest, David DeGruttola, Kevin Lemire and John Stewart, Regional Manager, were on hand to introduce themselves and give some personal background, before beginning to discuss preliminary steps to be taken on the RCF. The first discussion centered around contract details. Some suggested revisions to the agreement were recommended by the RFC and accepted by Landvest, to be incorporated into the Agreement. These changes will be revised by Landvest and sent back to the RFC for signatures. This signed document will be forwarded to the Planning Board for final approval. The forestry team was asked to have representation at the June 7 annual meeting with the US Forest Service, and participate at the Annual Forest Day, the first Saturday in August.
- III. John Lanier and Brendan Prusik attended this meeting to discuss the Dirt-to-Trees-to-Wildlife (DTW) project with the new Forestry Team from Landvest. A private grant was received to provide money for the RCF to participate in developing this project and conduct research on the RCF. The data is available, but not automated as this point. With the GIS capabilities of Landvest, the information available is usable. DTW data will be shared with LandVest for its work on the RCF.
- IV. David Willcox provided a description of the Annual Forest Day's activities for committee review and approval.

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- V. David and Gay Ruble were in attendance to present the RFC with a brochure rack that David built for the kiosk at the end of Randolph Hill Road. This brochure rack is designed to hold approximately two dozen guides to the interpretive trail, which starts at this kiosk. The commission thank the Rubles for creating such an attractive and well crafted design.
- VI. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has a program that John Lanier working with to help wildlife development in the Randolph Forest. This program requires a third party to be an incorporator in the process. John Lanier will provide the RFC with the appropriate background papers to help make a decision on participating in this program.
- VII. The Maple Tapping Lease is still being revised for final presentation to the RFC at the next meeting. Landvest has been asked to be involved in the tap monitoring process of this lease on behalf of the RCF.
- VIII. Doug Mayer mentioned that the RMC asked to erect a memorial bench for Joe Murad who was a past RMC trail crew, who died. The Commission decided to postpone a decision pending a review of the idea of setting apart a special location on the Forest to commemorate individuals who have made significant contributions to the Town, the RMC, the RCF or other local institutions. A suggestion made some years ago was to establish a memorial grove of trees for the purpose, but other options will also be considered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday June 1, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.