

WILDLAND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2/28/2018

NRB 4th floor EOB room 449

1111 Washington St SE

Olympia, WA 98504

Committee Members Present:

Jim DeTro – County Commissioner (Eastside)
Cody Desautel – Tribal Nations Representative
Gary Berndt – Wildland Fire Liaison, Chair
Dave Johnson – Fire Commissioner – *conference call*
Joe Gardner – County Commissioner (Westside) – *conference call*
Lee Hemmer – Industry Landowner (Range)
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt – State Land Trust Beneficiary
Tony Craven – Small Forest Landowner
Dave LaFave – Fire Chief (Westside) – *conference call*
J.D. Marshall – Industry Landowner (Timber) – *conference call*

Committee Members Absent:

Chuck LeBlanc – State Fire Marshal
Rodney Smoldon – Federal Fire Agency
Tom Bugert – Statewide Environmental Representative
Randy Johnson – Fire Chief (Eastside)

Guests/Other Attendees:

Loren Torgerson, Wildfire Policy Advisor
Ken Elliott, Wildfire Division
Melissa Gannie, State Fire Marshal representative
Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire
Chuck Turley, Wildfire Division Manager
Jim Passage, Guest

I. Opening, Roll Call

Chair Berndt call the meeting of the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 28th, 2018 in Olympia, WA.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Berndt called for approval of the minutes from the January 24th, 2018 committee meeting. Committee member Jim DeTro moved to approve the minutes, Committee member Tony Craven seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Old Business

- a. Cody gave an update on the Forest Health group. Talked about the Capital budget being passed.

- b. Gary gave an update on the AAR. Dave LeFave spoke about inconsistency in application for Response Agreements, Chuck Turley in agreement and has direction from Megan Duffy in Executive Management to improve.
- c. There was a motion to approve the AAR with a couple of additions. Cody moved, Tony seconded. None apposed.
- d. Loren spoke on Stakeholder Engagement Plan. WFAC members to review, make any needed notes and send to Gary by 03/09/2018 to present back to Loren.
- e. Loren also spoke on the success of the Wildland Fire Summit, which was echoed by various committee members.
- f. Lee gave an update on Rangeland Protection.
- g. Chuck Turley spoke about DNR fire billing numbers.

IV. Chairman Report

Chairman Berndt presented a written Chairman Report

V. DNR Update

DNR Update presented by Chuck Turley.

- a. Filled 8 IMTs (Incident Management Teams)
- b. 2 alternate ICs (Incident Commanders)
- c. Shortage on Aviation Staff and PIOs (Public Information Officers)
- d. Spoke about upcoming Fire Training Academies

VI. New Business

- a. Question arose about more frequent Red Card Training to include evenings and Saturdays, and that it needs to be on a larger scale to be the most effective (can't hold a class for 6 or less people).
- b. Gary asked WAFC members about alternates in reference to the Charter. Responses were either no preference or did not want alternates. Currently will leave as is.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the NRB building, in the EOB room of the Wildfire Division, 1111 Washington St SE, Olympia WA 98504.

Draft minutes submitted by Ken Elliott, approved by Chairman Gary Berndt. Formal action to be taken to approve the minutes at the February meeting.