

WILDLAND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

12/27/2017

NRB 4<sup>th</sup> floor EOB room 449

1111 Washington St SE

Olympia, WA 98504

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

Jim DeTro – County Commissioner (Eastside)  
Chuck LeBlanc – State Fire Marshal  
Rodney Smoldon – Federal Fire Agency  
Tom Bugert – Statewide Environmental Representative

**Guests/Other Attendees:**

Loren Torgerson, Wildfire Policy Advisor  
Ken Elliott, Wildfire Division  
Barbara McMullen, State Fire Marshal's office  
Chuck Turley, Wildfire Division Manager  
Gerry Day, Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire

**I. Opening, Roll Call**

Chair Berndt call the meeting of the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on December 27, 2017 in Olympia, WA. Due to travel constraints and the holiday season, the members participated in the meeting by phone, constituting a quorum.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Berndt called for approval of the minutes from the November 29, 2017 committee meeting. Committee member Hemmer moved to approve the minutes, Committee member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Old Business**

- a. Chair Berndt gave a brief review on the AAR document.

**IV. Chairman Report**

Chairman Berndt gave a brief report and will follow up with a written report at a later date.

**V. DNR Update**

Mr. Turley introduced himself to the committee and gave brief background information on himself professionally. He gave a brief Forest Health plan update, informed the committee that Incident Commanders have been selected and that Fire Training Academy dates are being worked on now. Gerry Day gave a legislative update on the budget request for the Wildfire suppression package.

**VI. New Business**

Loren Torgerson gave an update on the Wildfire Strategic plan, stated that the Caspian Group was chosen as consultants. He stated the WFAC role is in process and that tasks have been developed for the committee to review, and will be finalized in January. Loren said there is a Wildfire Summit on January 31, 2018 that will bring 120-130 stakeholders together to talk about issues, and stated the importance of having WFAC representation.

**VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

By consensus, the committee decided to schedule the next general meeting at 10 am, on Wednesday, January 24, at the DNR's Tumwater Compound on 88<sup>th</sup> Street. The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 11:30 p.m.

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