

Natural Resources Committee  
Minutes 06/17/2010

Meeting started 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: DeWayne Evans, Dan Crandall, Jim Rutledge, Steven Rogers, Jim MacMeekin, Gerald Grossman, Aaron Fulton. On the phone: Walter Dark and John MacFarland.

Motion made by Dan Crandall to accept the minutes from March 18, 2010 meeting second Aaron Fulton all in favor motion passed.

Committee reviewed renewal of one year, New Page contract. Discussed, all prices stayed the same as last year with the exception of some prices have increased. Jerry reviewed with the committee why we are one year out on the contract. New Page feels in this market it is best to have a one year contract instead of being locked into a long term agreement the markets are just too viable for them to agree to long term agreements. If the contract was not one year out the club could be caught without loggers and New Page could be caught without a harvest site. Motion made by Dan Crandall to approve and recommend renewal be moved to the board for approval. Seconded by Aaron Fulton all in favor motion passed.

Committee reviewed the new, one year contract of Grossman Forestry. We discussed the contract and history of the last pay increase. Responsibilities are the same with a \$1.00 per hour increase bringing hourly wage to \$56.00. This is still below normal rate of \$60.00 per hour and the first increase to be recommended since 2008. Based on last year's production this would be an additional \$220.00 cost to our club. I asked Jerry to leave the meeting while we discussed and voted. Motion made by Aaron Fulton seconded by Dan Crandall all in favor motion passed.

Aspen Harvest: 2009 our goal was to harvest 400 acres but only harvested 334 acres. Jerry has 340 acres scheduled to be harvested in 2010. Discussion about the need to get our catch up plan completed. At this time we do not have any major issues in front of us that could cause a further delay from getting our over aged Aspen stands harvested. Jerry will look to add the additional 60 acres on this year's harvest schedule. It is a very tough balancing act as Jerry is very conscious of trying to keep a good mosaic in our forest.

Update on current sales. At the beginning of the spring season we had two crews move onto the club at this time Roy Livermore is the only logger working on our club. He will be on the same sale all summer. Bill Brandt and his crew will be back in the fall. Jerry discussed the sale number on the sale proposal sheets he forwards to us. Example sale name 6-10. The 6 is the 6<sup>th</sup> sale. The 10 represents the year. 6-10 means 6<sup>th</sup> sale of 2010. He also reviewed the location on his sale maps. When asked what the 3A3 on the maps mean. These are the forester legends. He will forward them on to me and I will forward to all committee members.

Projected harvest for the year: Discussed the need for sales maps to be updated on the web site so people looking for hunting locations don't get set up just to find out the loggers are beginning to work the area. Jerry will update the maps on the web site right away.

Oak establishment: Dan Crandall agreed to head up this important project. He is hoping we can get more than one team established so we can move more trees. He will set the date in either late October or early November. Jerry talked about a site where some of the acorns that were planted in 2004 thru 2006. We have some young oaks starting to grow. He was ready to write this off as a total failure but with this finding we will have to relook at this as a potential aide in helping us establish some new locations.

Carbon Credits: It is all up the air at this time. The government is still working thru the issues of Cap and Trade. Lots of discussion if the Carbon Credits come back will they allow forestry to be added. We are still in a wait and see mode.

New Business: Jim Rutledge brought up the idea of planting Crab apple trees, Mountain ash and thorn apples for our grouse. John MacFarland will provide the idea to Ike Darling. Aaron Fulton recommended we look to plant some Oak trees and fence them in on the edges of some of our food plots. They have to be marked so they don't get cut when the food plot work begins.

Old Business: Asked Jerry for an update on the removing of the fencing at the Oak experiment location. He will check with Lester. We are all hopeful they will be able to salvage some of the fencing that can be used to protect some new trees once the club starts to plant them.

Motion to adjourn: Steve Rogers made motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Rutledge all in favor motion passed. Adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Field trip: Jerry took Steve Rogers, Dan Crandall and I on a field trip to look at a potential harvest site. He reviewed how he marks certain trees in the stand to remain so we continue to have a good mixture and not just a cleared out space. He also took us to the sale Roy Livermore is working. This is the sale Roy will be on all summer. Our next destination was to look at and look for young Oak's growing where acorns were planted 4 to 6 years ago. We will continue to monitor this site to see if planting acorns may be brought back in as an option to increase our Oak plantings.