

WILDLAND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1/24/2018

Tumwater Fire Cache

801 88th Ave SE

Tumwater, WA 98501

Committee Members Present:

Jim DeTro – County Commissioner (Eastside)
Chuck LeBlanc – State Fire Marshal
Rodney Smoldon – Federal Fire Agency
Tom Bugert – Statewide Environmental Representative
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)
Randy Johnson – Fire Chief (Eastside) – *conference call*
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt – State Land Trust Beneficiary
Tony Craven – Small Forest Landowner

Committee Members Absent:

Dave LaFave – Fire Chief (Westside)
J.D Marshall – Industry Landowner (Timber)

Guests/Other Attendees:

Loren Torgerson, Wildfire Policy Advisor
Ken Elliott, Wildfire Division
Barbara McMullen, State Fire Marshal's office
Aaron Schmidt, Wildfire Assistant Division Manager
Marc Daudon, The Caspian Group

I. Opening, Roll Call

Chair Berndt call the meeting of the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2018 in Tumwater, WA.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Berndt called for approval of the minutes from the December 27, 2017 committee meeting. Committee member Randy Johnson moved to approve the minutes, Committee member Jim Detoro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Old Business

- a. AAR – Positive feedback received in regard to surplus engines in 2017 (19). There was a conversation led by Cody Desautel and Randy Johnson about fire spread projections (what, when, where). Examples given from Cody (Bridge Creek fire) and Randy (Laurel Rd fire).

IV. Chairman Report

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

V. DNR Update

Aaron Schmidt presented and discussed the “DNR Summary Report on Wildland Fire Advisory Committee Issues/Recommendations/Associated Actions.”

VI. New Business

Loren Torgerson distributed and discussed draft agenda for the Washington Wildland Fire Summit, and introduced Marc Daudon, consultant for the Caspian Group. Marc introduced himself and briefly discussed the process the consultant group will go through. It was discussed to add Marc to future agendas for monthly updates (standing agenda item). Loren gave a Legislative update on bills being watched that impact fire.

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.