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2 **Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting**
3 **November 14, 2018**
4 **Conference Call**
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6 **Members Attending:** Angel Spell, Cindy Deffe, Dave Bayard, John Bornsworth, Juli Hartwig, Kirsten Lints,
7 Linden Lampman, Lisa Ciecko, Paula Dinius, Semra Riddle, Kathleen Wolf, Ken Armstrong, Kathy Sheehan

8 **Members Absent:** David Miller, Peter Dervin

9 **Guests:** Ben Thompson, Julie Sackett, Joanna Eide

10 **Meeting Convened:** 9:00 a.m.

11 **Welcome:** Chair welcomed members. Roll was taken.

12 **DNR Legislative Director, Joanna Eide**

- 13 • Discussed budget decision packets (budget request) submitted for the next biennium.
 - 14 ○ Wildfire/Forest Health (WF/FH)
 - 15 ○ Rural Communities
 - 16 ○ Environmental Resiliency (ER)
- 17 • These budget decision packages include far more operational dollars than has been requested in
18 years past.
- 19 • UCF is specifically mentioned in the ER packet; FTEs in WF/FH budget include UCF position
- 20 • Governor's budget will be determined by mid-December
- 21 • Letters of support should be sent now; good to address a couple vs. single issue
- 22 • Question whether as an advisory committee, the council needs approval from Commissioner to
23 send a letter of support
 - 24 ○ Eide will check and provide follow-up information
- 25 • ER budget packet forwarded to Council; Linden to provide WF/FH

26 **Minutes Approved:** Motion to approve minutes from 9/12/18 Paula Dinius; second, Lisa Ciecko and
27 SECONDED

28 **Agenda Approved:** Motion to approve agenda Juli Hartwig; second, Lisa Ciecko

29 **Julie Sackett, Forest Health Division Manager on behalf of George Geisler:**

- 30 • The agency has a lot of boards and commissions (B&C). There is interest in trying to coordinate
31 their efforts but not without sacrificing B&C identities,
- 32 • FH is officially a new division at DNR. Julie is the Division Manager. UCF is housed in this new
33 division

- 1 • Urban forestry is implicated in two budget decision packets: WF/FH and ER
- 2 • WF/FH budget decision packet includes 30 season wildland firefighters who will assist with
- 3 community engagement/fire assessment as well as implementing prescribed fire actions;
- 4 includes one full time employee to assist UCF program.
- 5 • ER budget decision packet includes funding for new UCF staff and funding to support green
- 6 infrastructure work in cities.
- 7 • Would be good to include FH/WF request in a council letter of support

8 **Motion:** Council to write a letter to governor's office in support of WF/FH and ER budget request:
9 Semra; John second. Motion carried.

10 **Discussion:**

- 11 • Recommend to send by end of November
- 12 • Lisa to initiate draft, Ben to add technical language
- 13 • Julie S. to check with Joanna to make sure Commissioner supports advocacy

14 **Dates for 2019 council meetings:** Angel sent a poll to determine meetings. Lisa suggested an extended
15 meeting in Olympia. The following dates were approved:

- 16 • February 27, Olympia (possibly a multi-day meeting, TBD)
- 17 • May 14, Spokane (Host: Angel)
- 18 • September 11, Seattle (Co-Hosts: Lisa and Dave B.)
- 19 • November 13, Conference Call

20 Linden will send Outlook calendar appointments for all meetings.

21 **Planning for 2019:**

- 22 • Discussion of council priorities, three topics of focus
- 23 • Continue Equity work
- 24 • Increase advocacy in support of budget requests for program growth
- 25 • Increase communication and media marketing for UCF program
- 26 ○ New "Faces of UCF" section in Tree Link is an opportunity to raise awareness of UCF
- 27 and recognize individuals statewide; Council members encouraged to contribute or
- 28 nominate a candidate.

29 **Nominations for Council Executive Positions:** Call for nominations for chair and vice-chair for 2019.

- 30 • Cindy nominated Angel; second, Juli
- 31 • Angel nominated Lisa; second, Juli

32 Motion carried.

33 **Other Items:**

- 34 • Topic for 2019 seminar series is "Trees and Development"

- 1 • Dave B. reported that the Partners in Community Forestry Conference was excellent. He highly
- 2 recommends council members attendance next year in Ohio.

3 **Meeting Adjourned:** 11:00 a.m.

4 **Next meeting:** Olympia, location TBD