

UTAH FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION (UFPA)

**AGENDA**

July 14, 2005 - 1:30 p.m.  
USU Extension Office  
55 South 500 East  
Heber City, Utah

***Welcome and Introductions***

1. Approval of 4/26/05 meeting minutes
  2. Treasurer's report  
Update - IRS filing for 501 (c) 4 status Kathleen McDowell
  3. Update on stewardship training Dave Grierson
  4. Forest products conference, Price UT  
January 19-20, 2006 or February 2-3, 2006 Jim Matson
  5. UFPA practices and technical working groups All  
Membership  
Forest practices  
Workers compensation  
Directory of service entities  
Education and training  
Other
  6. Agency Reports Scott Bell  
Ashley  
Manti-LaSal  
Uinta  
Wasatch-Cache  
BLM  
Utah Division of Forestry
  7. Calendaring
  8. New Business
- Adjourn

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Matson at 1:30 p.m.

1. Introductions

Jim read antitrust statement that had been prepared at the request of the Stewardship Center and suggested that as a matter of practice and policy it should be followed to govern discussions of the meeting so that neither the Association nor its members place themselves in a position of violating antitrust laws

Joel expressed concern that this policy might handcuff the association discussions

2. Scott presented treasures report - motion to accept, Ed Coates, second Dave Grierson  
Motion Passed unanimously

3. Dave Grierson reported on stewardship contractor training – to this point in time there have been more agency people present than industry – next meetings, Logan July 28<sup>th</sup>, Green River August 24<sup>th</sup> both at 1:30 pm

USU offered to record and make available on line the training session material

4. Motion to approve minutes of 4/26/05 -

Jody Gale

Second – Ed Coates

Passed unanimously

5. Forest Products Conference and annual meeting of Association was discussed and the dates of Jan 19- 20 Thurs/Friday or Feb 2-3 Thurs/Fri in Price or Richfield mid day to mid day were proposed. Joel F. and Scott B. indicated that there is funding and support for a Utah Forest Products Association Annual Meeting and Conference through FFSL and national forest programs administered by Scott Bell.

The purpose of the conference would be to: provide training and build support for Utah Forest Products Association; to introduce vendors to Association members and supporters. Suggested conference agenda items included: workers comp and insurance issues (it was also suggested that there may be information that could be gleaned from Colorado concerning these issues because they have been there), information on forest products lab programs, identification of funding sources, bonding, value added products, and forest health trends in the state.

Assignments for Conference:

Planning Committee: Jody chair, Jim, Dan, Scott B. Dave G, Darren McAvoy, Kathy Radigen

Vendors and sponsors, Jim Matson

Finances for conference, Kathleen McDowell, Scott Truman

It was suggested that for the Association annual meeting and conference that RC&D, congressional delegation reps, funding sources, i.e. USDA/RD, SBA and local economic development practitioners be invited

6. UFPA practices and technical working groups consist of potentially a large list. The Association will need to set priorities for which items need the most immediate attention. That list includes along with who might be able to assume responsibility:

Membership – directory –

Forest practices

Workers Compensation/insurance

Directory of service entities - Morgan Mendenhall

Education and training

Legislative – invite congressional delegation reps to be regular attendees at all UFPA meetings – development of state legislative agenda

Field trips

Media -

Roadless

It was noted that through the FS wilderness acts in Ut and Wy there can be no more consideration of roadless on FS lands

Contracts and appraisals

It was suggested that these items be put on the next executive committee meeting agenda. That meeting was set for ????

7, Reports:

Agency reports on resource availability – Jody wants to hand off his previous efforts of doing this and have the association take on this responsibility Scott Bell will coordinate this for the various regions in the future

Reports (projects and plans) will be ongoing and will be on the USU Extension Forestry web site. This will be including any activity concerning vegetative management treatments and opportunities. <http://extension.usu.edu/forestry>

Individual/Forest/Agency Reports:

Ashley – Kelly W., Scott ? gave handouts on Offerings on the Ashley

Uinta – Stephen Penny – Julie – will have some fuels projects based on forest health.

Wasatch-Cache – Faye had to leave and left report given by Jerry Thompson

BLM – Verlin Smith – current BLM plans do not allow for timber harvests where commercial timber is available. Plan revisions will be making accommodations for harvest where appropriate. Working on identifying the timberlands and woodland

acreage existent on BLM lands to build a timber and woodlands program in Utah. Have hired three foresters, but have already lost one of these. Looking at budget reductions over the next several years. Six stewardship projects being offered in 2005. see handout

2005 40,000 acres for fuels treatment. Spreadsheet for 2006 77,000 acres for fuels treatment - removal will be an option not a mandate for both 2005/06 shrub step restoration initiative – to restore sage lands involving about 80,000 acres in Utah involving many entities across the state

Utah Division of Forestry - Dave Grierson, - state writing plans for land owners writing plans for land owners who want to do stewardship on private lands – on docket to do 13 plans in Utah this year, national fire plan one of the biggest focus areas for 2005 – asking each forest to identify top five wild land interface communities for treatment this year – planning money is drying up quickly.

SITLA – Lydia canyon, Tabby Mountain, McDonald Basin, ????

Future will be dealing with local offerings as we move meeting around the state

Ed – hold own be aggressive chasing bugs – looking at stewardship offerings, updating plant,

Dan - High Country Forest Products – Mill changed hands in Feb., has one private sale, couple of state sales – needs about 40 million feet per year, strictly stud mill 2 x 4, 2 x 6, waste material shipped to SLC - sell lot of studs into Las Vegas, Phoenix, Atlanta, need to build inventory for winter. High Country Forest Products see other segments of the industry (other mills) as trading partners who can take larger material –

Brian Raymond – Daggett County - looking at building a timber economy in the county – timber industry in Daggett County is pretty much gone. They are looking to try to rebuild their wood products industry infrastructure and are solicitous of any help they can get. They have received a small grant to assist them in this effort from the State of Utah.

Calendaring – Next meeting October 13 for board which means all members - Panguitch Triple C 1:00 p.m.

Executive Board meeting - August 4<sup>th</sup>,

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.