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Draft Minutes
Regulatory Programs Committee
January 13, 2017 Agency Meeting

MINUTES OF THE REGULATORY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING January 13, 2017

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 9:15 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2017.

Regulatory Programs Committee Members Present

Arthur Lussi, John Ernst, Barbara Rice, Daniel Wilt, and Sandi Allen.

Other Members and Designees Present

Robert Stegemann, William Thomas, Karen Feldman, Bradley Austin, Chad Dawson, and Sherman Craig.

Agency Staff Present

Terry Martino, James Townsend, Richard Weber, Colleen Parker, Aaron Ziemann, Shaun LaLonde, Steve Brewer, and Mary O'Dell

Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for November 2016

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Mr. Wilt and was seconded by Mr. Ernst. All were in favor.

Deputy Director Report

Mr. Weber reviewed the Deputy Director Reports provided to the Board in the monthly mailing packet.

Mr. Weber reminded the Committee of the understanding that the Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs can use the existing delegated authority to issue permits for certain timber harvest proposals rather than require every proposal to come to the Committee for a review and determination. The project before the Committee today normally would fit the criteria for staff approval. However, it was brought to the Committee for consideration of the potential visual impacts associated with the proposed timber harvest.

Project (A. Ziemann)

P2016-186, Lyme Timber Company
Town of Black Brook, Clinton County
Rural Use Land Use Area

Mr. Ziemann described the project as a timber harvest involving 295 acres of Lyme Timber Company's 16,898 acre Black Brook Tract. He said the project includes 135 acres of free thinning, 114 acres of a clear cut with reserves, and 43 acres of a shelter wood removal cut. He pointed out the property has both Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative Certification. He discussed the review standards applied by staff and noted that one public comment was received. The project potentially involves visual impacts associated with the harvest. Staff presented their analysis of these aesthetic resources and how they have worked with the applicant to mitigate the potential impacts.

Mr. Stegemann said it was good for the public to understand the quality of the work done by the applicant. It was agreed that the management practices of the applicant meet the regulatory standards necessary by both the Agency and the industry itself.

Mr. Lussi called for a motion to approve the project with conditions. Mr. Ernst made the motion and Mr. Wilt seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.