

**Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership  
Partnership Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff City Hall, Downstairs Conference Room  
19 February, 2008, 9:00 to 12:00

**Introductions**

Ron Sieg (AZGF), John Aber (Coconino Co), Shaula Hedwall (USFWS – meeting chair), Anne Mottek Lucas (SRL), Alvin Brown (USFS), Pascal Berlioux (AZFRP), Paul Whitefield (NPS), Kris Haskins (Arboretum), Ed Smith (TNC), Mark Brehl (FFD), Ethan Aumack (GCT), Mark Shiery (FFD), Jo Starr (GFFP), John Aber (Coconino County), Scott Harger (Coconino County NRCO), Joe Seidenberg (ERI), Steve Gatewood (Wildwood Consulting); *13 voting members present; Quorum MET*

- 1) Review & approval of Meeting Minutes: The July, August, September, October, and November 2007 and Jan 2008 meeting notes were approved with no changes.
- 2) Announcements:
  - a) The BOD welcomes Steve Gatewood to the Board. Steve brings much knowledge, expertise, and talent to the Board and we are very pleased he accepted the position.
  - b) The Grand Canyon Trust (GCT) and Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) announced that they both will be withdrawing from the GFFP. AGFD officially formally withdrew at the meeting and GCT announced that they will likely send a letter in a week or so. We very much appreciate the years of time and effort both groups have contributed to the GFFP and look forward to working with them in other capacities.
  - c) Jo Starr's last day working for the GFFP will be February 29. We thanked Jo for all of her hard work and for her patience over the last year through all of the changes.
- 3) Updates:
  - a) We discussed that the GFFP will completely transition to a purely volunteer organization by February 29, 2008. The office address and location will remain the same, but we will no longer have a phone. We discussed the need for a partner or contractor to step-up and manage the website, meeting notes, and checking email. We also discussed the equipment that the GFFP owns and how Partners can obtain the equipment for GFFP work (see sign-out sheets).
  - b) We reviewed the GFFP's current agreements and the status of those (2007 Annual Report, 2008 Annual Contribution Request, Lessons Learned Report, Forest Health Council and Northern Arizona Wood Supply Studies).
  - c) We are continuing to try and arrange a time for Kirk Rowdabaugh, Arizona State Land Department (ASLD), to meet with the BOD to discuss the State Forest Restoration Strategy and ASLD's plans for implementing the strategy.
- 4) Financial Discussion: We discussed the BOD's decision to send out annual contribution forms in March. Since six months have passed since we temporarily delayed sending out the dues request, the 2007-08 request will be \$150, not the full \$300.
- 5) Brainstorming Session for Project List (see handout with potential projects listed): We discussed potential future GFFP projects. There was a lot of discussion regarding this list and where we are as a group. We need to ensure that all Partners have a role to play in the GFFP and develop consensus on what we want to accomplish. The "roadmap" or similar document needs to be updated to reflect the Strategic Plan vision/goal statement and should be on agenda at all times. We also discussed the MOU with the Forest Service. We will not be signing a new MOU with the Coconino National Forest unless there is a need to. The Lessons Learned document will be our close-out to the current MOU when we end it in September.
- 6) Future Meeting Topics: The Jack Smith/Schultz revised proposed action will be out in approximately two weeks. Alvin Brown would like to present the revised action at our next meeting. Spring Break is week of March 17, so we should plan on holding our meeting the week earlier.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 11, 2008, Flagstaff City Hall**