

Spring Advisory Minutes 2022

Wednesday March 4, 2022

Agenda: Curriculum Review
Equipment Inventory
Job Market
Student Attendance
IRC's

In attendance: Errold Nelson, Kyle Brennan, Steven King(via phone)

Location: Windham Regional Career Center

Kyle was asked to review Errold's curriculum map. Kyle was impressed with the many different units of study covered in the Forestry/Natural Resource's program. Kyle is also the instructor for all four levels of the Game of Logging program. Kyle mentioned how well prepared the students are. He also informed Errold that most Tech schools attend only the first two levels. Having the students attend all four levels sets them apart from students in other Forestry programs. Kyle also talked about the wide array of job opportunities in the Forestry/Natural Resources field from chainsaw operators to fully licensed Foresters and every thing in between. "Companies are starving for good help they need people to just show up." Errold mentioned that he stresses good positive work ethic to his students.

Errold talked about the Industry Recognized Credentials the students obtain during their time in class. Students will have completed four levels of GOL, First Aid/CPR/AED, Wildland Fire Control, and a select few will have OSHA 10. These IRC's have a great impact on job applications, and resume's.

Steven inquired about the old John Deere 440 skidder and the new log hauling trailer. He emphasized the skill needed to operate these pieces of equipment safely and efficiently. Steven is a forwarder operator for Longview Forest and Lands. He mentioned the skills he acquired during his time in the Forestry program helped him tremendously in obtaining his job at Longview.

Errold mentioned that the class will be changed to a two level program in the Fall. Level 1 students will meet in the morning, Level 2's in the afternoon. This will allow Level 2 students the opportunity to have a cooperative learning experience at the end of the school day. CO-OP's

can lead into full time employment and can be great resume builders. At this time Level 1 is full, with only a few signed up for Level 2. Level 2 students have to first complete the Level 1 program.