

Forestry/Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Agenda Fall 2022
Scheduled for December 6, 2022 at Pleasant Valley Reservoir, 9:30-11:00

In attendance: Dan Healey, Mike King, Jake Kenney, and Errold Nelson

Jake was asked to review Errold's curriculum map. Jake was impressed with the many different units of study covered in the Forestry/Natural Resource's program

Dan and Mike 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. Work ethic seems to be a common theme throughout our meetings.

Errold talked about the Industry Recognized Credentials the students obtain during their time in class. Students will have completed four levels of Game of Logging, 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.

Mike 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. Mike 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. He also mentioned that the Forestry program had a lot of equipment for a relatively small program. The addition of the log hauling trailer and the saw mill are a bonus.

Errold mentioned the possibility of cooperatives for the students with Longview Forest and Lands. Dan was open to the idea. Students would have to have completed all four levels of Game of Logging and be at least 18 years of age. This would be tough this year because the Game of Logging isn't scheduled until May 2023. How ever this would create job opportunities after graduation.

Dan was asking if the Forestry class would be interested in helping him develop a plan for a 7 acre clear cut at PVR. This would be a great opportunity for the students to develop a Forestry/Land Use plan.