

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Heidi Eisenhour, Commissioner

DATE: July 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Forestry workshop with NNRG

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Since early April the BOCC has been studying implications and options of how state trust lands are managed on our behalf by the Department of Natural Resources. On May 16 we held a workshop to look at impacts to our Junior Taxing Districts of the Beaver Valley Sorts Timber Sale as well as management options including reconveyance. On June 27 we held a further discussion to share with each other what we had learned over the last month. One presentation / option we want to take a more in depth look at is the impact of adjusting forest harvest rotation length on carbon storage in forests. We invited Seth Zuckerman to join us today after seeing an earlier, more general presentation by him on this topic at a Timber 101 training organized by the Washington Association of Counties in June.

ANALYSIS:

NNRG leads forestry projects focused on ecological forestry which shows landowners options other than clearcutting for managing their forests. Specifically, over the past couple of months, the BOCC had discussed how our forests in Jefferson County might retain as much carbon sequestration potential while providing for the funding needs of our Junior Taxing Districts such as fire departments, schools and libraries.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Listen, ask questions, learn.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

Date 6/30/22