

CAFS IAB Business Meeting Notes

June 3, 2021

Industry members in attendance: Tom Trembeth (FIA), David Wilkinson (HNRG) Margaret Banks (Stimson Lumber), Scott Holub (Weyerhaeuser) Abbie Acuff (Potlatch Deltic) Ian Prior (Seven Islands) Patrick Clune (Roseburg)

NSF Evaluator: Victoria Hiil

Note taker: Meg Fergusson (UMaine CRSF)

Q for IAB: On track? Are PIs and their projects doing what we want?

DW: Yes, obvious there is more collaboration going on than in the past. PIs have heard that concern.

TT: Proactive collaboration

NB: Great suite of projects underway and proposed.

Q for IAB: Happy with AW's Leadership?

All agreed it is being run well—complements all around.

Q for IAB: Life beyond Ph 3....what do folks think about that—is it of interest?

MB: Potential interest, lots of benefits to learn, collaborate, share funding—important discussion for the cooperatives.

IP: Spirit of collaboration is major value—would be good to support cross regionalization, which brings benefits. There may be some difficulty on funding on the corporate level. Needs to be resolved for moving forward.

Q for Victoria Hill: Any additional funding beyond Ph 3 from NSF?

VH: No, that will disappear at the end of Ph 3. Different models upon graduation from NSF funding. Some agree to chip in to cover the admin costs, NSF requires max 10% overhead for member contributions at universities but not once the NSF is no longer part of the funding. Possible for cooperatives to negotiate that rate with their universities. That is a conversation that can happen with the cooperatives and universities sooner rather than later. Depends on the university if they agree to that based on how much they value it. Possible to negotiate admin cost coverage too.

IP: Thanks to the NSF for the funding thus far. Mentioned that CFRU has negotiated rate with UM.

VH: Not too soon to have those conversations with the site directors.

MB: Increased pressure on site directors to get this resolved.

TT: AW is talking to the site directors about how to move forward. Appears to be benefits and tools for the members that will need buy-in from the cooperatives.

IP: Letters of support to attached universities would likely be useful.

VH: Funds from the coops still support grad students etc—will be important to universities.

Other comments/questions? Nothing further.

Tom and Greg Johnson will be in touch with Aaron re followup.