Washington Farm Forestry Association
Upper Puget Sound Chapter
CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – (Draft)
January 27, 2026

Location: Skagit Conservation District Office
2021 E College Way, Ste 203
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Minutes by: Teresa Weldon

Call to Order was made by Chapter President, Teresa Weldon

In Attendance: Jon Wilson (voting member), Mike Blais (voting member), Dean Van Vleet Ken Osborn (voting member), Teresa Weldon (voting member), Hollis Crapo (DNR), Nick Kunz (Skagit CD), and Cathi Winings (San Juan CD – online).

Review of UPS Past Tours and Events 2025

WFFA Upcoming Events of Interest

Feb 1-March 11	Whatcom Chapter Tree Sale
Feb 25	Estate Planning Seminar for Forest Landowners (Bellingham)
May 17-19	WFFA Annual Meeting (AM26)

Discussion topics on UPS WFFA Events/Tours

A discussion of general planning, dates and ideas for various UPS events for 2026.

Date	Event/Tour
TBD	Conservation District Landowner Assistant Workshop (Host: Nick K.). The UPS chapter is planning to speak and have a table set-up at the workshop. (Teresa)
TBD	Biochar demo event at property located south Skagit area. (Host: Dean V. – maybe March 7)
April 18-19, 2026	Skagit Wood Expo – Set up a UPS booth/table, volunteers would be needed to staff the table to share our mission and recruiting new WFFA members to the UPS chapter. Cost for a 10x10 is $150 (Teresa to plan). April 18 Saturday 9am – 5pm April 19 Sunday 9am – 3pm
July 11, 2026	Devils Creek Rd Tree Farm Tour (Host: Ken O.)
TBD	Frank D. Tree Farm Tour & Carnation Tree Farm (Jon W. to look into making arrangements.)
Sept 12, 2026	UPS Annual Meeting at Mountain Tree Farm (Host: Teresa W.) Guest Speaker needed or make it a Forestry Outreach Day for SFLOs

TBD	Hampton Mill Tour in Darrington (Ken O. left message w/ log buyer at Hampton to see if a tour is possible)
	Buse Mill – Spoke with Mark H. on phone regarding Buse. Not a good time right now for a tour as mill is intermittent.
TBD	Maple Syrup Tour (?) Discussion of possible tours and contacts – will reach out to folks. (Nick K.)
TBD	Holiday/Social Party (?) with a guest speaker (Teresa & Ken)

Treasurer's Report
Jon Wilson, Treasurer, reported that the UPS Chapter bank account has an approximate balance of $8,609. In 2025, we roughly spent $500 to buy a chainsaw for AM25 raffle and another $500 to sponsor the 2025 CD Landowner Assistant Workshop. There are no invoices to pay as to date. Yearly membership fees deposited to the account from the state almost off-set spending.

Motion 1: Skagit Wood Expo – UPS Table ($150)
Ken made a motion to pay the $150 entrance fee to have an UPS Chapter info table at the 2026 Skagit Wood Expo. Motion was seconded and motion passed. Teresa will make the arrangements.

Motion 2: Donate a Chainsaw for AM26 (not to exceed $500)
Ken made a motion to donate a chainsaw for the raffle this year for the WFFA state's annual meeting - AM26. Teresa amended the motion, not to exceed $500. Motion was seconded and motion passed. Mike B. agreed to buy the chainsaw and make the arrangements to get it to AM26.

Motion 3: Sponsor the Landowner Assistant Program Lunch ($500) Ken made a motion to donate $500 towards the lunch for the Landowner Assistant Program that is put on for small forest landowners by the Conservation Districts & DNR. Motion was seconded and motion passed. Teresa mentioned that this was going towards a great workshop and one member was gained the previous year.

Adjournment
Teresa made a motion to close the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting was adjourned approximately at 2:30pm.

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