

MINUTES FOR THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON  
STAFF MEETING HELD ON  
JANUARY 30, 2020

The Board of Commissioners' Staff Meeting was opened by Commissioner Roberts on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Jackson Room. Those present were:

Colleen Roberts, Chair  
Rick Dyer, Commissioner  
Bob Strosser, Commissioner  
Danny Jordan, County Administrator  
Joel Benton, County Counsel  
Loris Fenner, Recording Secretary  
Members of the Public

Guests: Dave Larson, District Forester, Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry;  
Chris Rudd, Forest Manager, Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry

1. *Update From the Oregon Department of Forestry – Dave Larson, District Forester, Southwest Oregon District*

Mr. Larson began by introducing Mr. Chris Rudd, who manages the Federal Forest Restoration and Good Neighbor Authority projects in the region. Mr. Larson explained that it is too early to forecast what the fire season may look like for this year; however, there is preliminary work being done by the State on the suppression budget. He explained that the State is implementing new processes due to suggestions it received from the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response. One of the Council's suggestions is that there be an independent audit at the State level to confirm that all cost saving measures are in place. He provided detailed financial information related to the cost of previous fire seasons and spoke about current fiscal management systems being adjusted to reduce the time between fire seasons and reimbursement from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Mr. Larson explained that the anticipated start date for this year's fire season is July 1, 2020. He spoke about increased staffing and the preparations being made in order to be fully staffed. He distributed copies of a Leaders' Intent Letter (*Submission No. 1*) and explained that the BLM is modifying the Agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) by reducing payments to ODF to manage fire protection internally in various areas of the State. He explained that this will greatly impact the ODF operating budget since the revenues from the BLM are a key part of the ODF firefighting budget.

Mr. Larson answered questions from the Board and Mr. Jordan. He asked the Board to consider authorizing the County to financially support the installation of a fire and smoke detection camera in a northern area of the County which he considers a large "blind spot." He further explained that ODF has the camera and equipment on hand; however, the installation would cost approximately

\$100,000. Mr. Jordan asked Mr. Larson to provide him with all of the information related to the project.

Mr. Rudd distributed copies of his presentation (*Submission No. 2*). He reviewed the presentation and explained the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) projects being done in the region which receive funding and generate revenue to continue forest restoration projects. He also distributed a booklet (*Submission No. 3*) published by the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition which provided additional information on GNA work being done in the western United States. Mr. Larson added information on the benefits of the revenue generated which stays local. Mr. Jordan asked about work being done on O & C Lands, and Mr. Larson stated that there is not currently work being done on O & C Lands. Commissioner Roberts asked about revenue through Good Neighbor Authority projects compared to revenue from other timber sale work. Mr. Larson said he would find out that information and forward it to the Board. Following discussion, Commissioner Dyer commented on the assistance that Mr. Larson provided to the Commissioners' Smoke and Fire Campaign last year, and he asked if Mr. Larson would be available again. Mr. Larson stated he is always willing to assist the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Larson and Mr. Rudd for the presentations.

2. *Input From County Counsel*

Mr. Benton informed the Board that the County Codified Ordinance states that the guidelines for Public Hearings are to be read at the beginning of each public hearing. The Board agreed to have Counsel provide the information in future meetings.

3. *Input from County Administrator*

a. *Review Agenda Items for the February 5, 2020, BoC Regular Meeting*

Mr. Jordan reviewed the agenda (*Submission No. 4*) and there were no changes.

b. *Order Authorizing an Order Form and Associated Software License Agreement and Software Support and Maintenance Addendum With FTR Ltd. Order No. 18-20*

Mr. Jordan explained that FTR (For the Record) Ltd. software provides high fidelity audio recording, easy annotation, and record storage for all types of meetings and has been used in the Courthouse Auditorium for over 15 years. With the County's recent computer operating system updates, Information Technology staff has determined that the current software is outdated and can no longer be supported. It is now necessary to make a major software and support upgrade for the audio recording system in the Courthouse Auditorium.

**Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 18-20 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Strosser, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.**

4. *Discussion of Association of Oregon Counties' Position Regarding Cap and Trade – Colleen Roberts, Commissioner*

Commissioner Roberts began by explaining her concern that the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) has informed counties that there will be a meeting this afternoon seeking input on the upcoming cap and trade legislation. She spoke about a meeting she had attended where it was clear

that there are differing opinions across the State. Commissioner Strosser spoke about the same meeting and stated that there is concern that the upcoming legislative session will include a priority emergency process which will push the legislation through to the Governor's desk. There was discussion related to how the Board should participate in the process. The Board will all be listening on the phone call this afternoon, and the discussion will be placed on a future agenda.

5. *Discussion of Upper Rogue Regional Park*

Commissioner Roberts began by explaining that she received an email from Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SOREDI). She would like to confirm that the Board's opinion has not changed related to the Upper Rogue Regional Park in Shady Cove. Mr. Jordan added that the residents interested in improving the park area are always welcome to coordinate any improvements they may wish to facilitate through the Roads and Parks Department. The Commissioners agreed that they are happy to meet individually with Shady Cove residents; however, the Board's position stands as previously stated.

6. *Review of Draft Proclamation Requested by the League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley – Bob Strosser, Commissioner*

The Board discussed the draft proclamation prepared by staff and provided by the League of Women Voters (*Submission No. 5*). There was consensus to finalize the proclamation and place on an upcoming agenda.

7. *Final Review of 2020 Board of Commissioners Liaisons List – Recording Secretary*

Commissioner Roberts asked what additional information was needed. Staff reported that there was clarification needed about including the Association of Oregon Counties and the National Association of Counties on each of the Commissioners' sections. The Board reviewed the list (*Submission No. 6*) and agreed to include this information. Staff stated the list would be finalized and published by the end of the week.

8. *Liaison Committee Reports*

Commissioner Dyer reported on meeting with Mr. Gabe Howe about trail work being done by the Siskiyou Mountain Club in the rural areas of the County. He also shared information from a recent Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting.

Commissioner Strosser reported on attending a meeting related to local mental health services. He also attended a Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting, as well as meetings of the City Councils in Central Point and Eagle Point. He relayed information from a meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Committee, and mentioned an email from Rogue Workforce Partnership which will be discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioner Roberts reported on attending a Law Library Advisory Committee meeting, and a Rogue River City Council meeting. She also spoke about separate meetings she had with Mr. Dave Larson, and Ms. Amanda Astor of the American Forest Resource Council. She reported on meeting with Mr. Gabe Howe of the Siskiyou Mountain Club and mentioned that she asked him to possibly present at a future meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

9. *Review Calendars – Week of February 3, 2020*

The calendars were reviewed and there were no changes.

10. *Executive Session*

The Executive Session began at 11:16 a.m. under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192-660(2)(d), Labor Negotiations-Press Excluded ORS 192.660(4). The Executive Session ended at 11:33 a.m.

There being no further business, the Staff Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Roberts at 11:33 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Colleen Roberts  
Colleen Roberts, Chair

/s/ Rick Dyer  
Rick Dyer, Commissioner

/s/ Bob Strosser  
Bob Strosser, Commissioner

/s/ Loris Fenner  
Loris Fenner, Recorder  
Approved on: 02/19/2020