



Oregon Forest  
Resources Institute

OREGON FOREST RESOURCES INSTITUTE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Hilton Garden Inn  
2500 SW Western Blvd., Corvallis

April 10, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Jerry Anderson, Hancock Forest Management  
Audrey Barnes, Nickel Mountain, LLC  
Anthony Davis, OSU College of Forestry  
Tyler Freres, Freres Lumber Co., Inc.  
David Hampton, Hampton Lumber  
Matt Hegerberg, Heron Timber  
Jennifer Phillippi, Perpetua Forests Company  
Quincy Powers, Powers Ranch Co.  
Casey Roscoe, Seneca Sawmill Company  
Eric Schooler, Collins

Staff:

Inka Bajandas  
Jordan Benner  
Mike Cloughesy  
Norie Dimeo-Ediger  
Rikki Heath  
Erin Isselmann  
Timm Locke  
Kathy Storm  
Julie Woodward

Guests:

Jennifer Beathe, Starker Forests  
Sara Duncan, Oregon Forest & Industries Council  
Michelle Neiss, DHM Research

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Powers called this meeting of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute to order at 10:03 a.m.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Powers welcomed board members, staff and guests.

## MINUTES

**Motion: David Hampton moved to approve the March 15, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Audrey Barnes. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Matt Hegerberg, Jennifer Phillippi, Quincy Powers, Casey Roscoe and Eric Schooler. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.**

**Motion: David Hampton moved to approve the January 18, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Eric Schooler. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Matt Hegerberg, Jennifer Phillippi, Quincy Powers, Casey Roscoe and Eric Schooler. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Senior Manager, Business Operations Kathy Storm reviewed the February 2019 financial management report.

## OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Erin Isselmann reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget with updated Fiscal Year 2018-19 projections. She noted that the projected ending balance is below the board's target of \$650,000. Board members expressed concern with the proposed budget and asked staff to make additional reductions, while keeping aligned with OFRI's core mission.

**Motion: Casey Roscoe moved to approve OFRI's Fiscal Year Fiscal Year 2019-20 proposed budget, which totals \$5,160,909 in revenue and \$4,591,298 in expenditures based on a harvest tax projection of \$3,951,000 from timber harvest projections of 3.6 billion board feet, and a projected carryover from 2018-19 of \$910,083, and to authorize the Executive Director to implement budgeted programs, including any necessary contract and agreements, with the approval of the Chair, however, directing the Executive Director to make additional budget reductions while staying aligned with OFRI's core mission. The motion was seconded by Jerry Anderson. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Matt Hegerberg, Jennifer Phillippi, Quincy Powers, Casey Roscoe and Eric Schooler. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.**

Chair Powers explained the proposed forest products harvest tax increase of three cents per thousand board feet, effective January 1, 2020.

**Motion: Matt Hegerberg moved to increase OFRI's portion of the forest products harvest tax rate from \$1.09 per thousand board feet to \$1.12 per thousand board feet, effective January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Audrey Barnes. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Matt Hegerberg, Jennifer Phillippi, Quincy Powers, Casey Roscoe and Eric Schooler. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.**

Executive Director Isselmann explained that OFRI's tax ceiling by statute is linked to the Portland CPI and this CPI is no longer in existence. The Oregon legislature is considering a House Bill 2118 which will replace the Portland CPI. No action can be taken until the bill passes.

## NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Neiss, DHM Research, reviewed results of the Values and Beliefs Survey. Discussion followed.

Chair Powers announced nominations for Fiscal Year 2019-20 board officers. Current Vice Chair Tyler Freres is interested in serving as Board Chair and Jennifer Phillippi is interested in serving as Vice Chair. Powers asked for further nominations from the floor; no further nominations were received. Ballots were distributed to voting board members resulting in nine unanimous votes for Tyler Freres as Chair, and nine unanimous votes for Jennifer Phillippi as Vice Chair.

Director of Forestry Mike Cloughesy presented a Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities proposal to conduct a study on carbon in Oregon's managed forests.

**Motion: David Hampton moved to approve \$30,000 from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities budget to conduct a study focusing on carbon storage in Oregon's managed forests. The motion was seconded by Jerry Anderson. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Matt Hegerberg, Jennifer Phillippi, Quincy Powers, Casey Roscoe and Eric Schooler. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.**

## REPORTS

### Staff Reports

- Mike Cloughesy
  - The forest sector economic study draft is completed and out for review. Inka Bajandas is working on a summary report.
  - Five of nine Trees to Tap chapters are completed and sent to the steering committee for review. OFRI has a contract with Paul Barnum to write the report.
  - The first two sessions of the Logging Workforce Webinars are completed, with two airing before the end of May. Cloughesy thanked Matt Hegerberg Steve McNulty for serving as panelists.
  - Great attendance at the first two Starker Lecture Series.
  - Tree Schools are scheduled for March 23 in Clackamas, March 29 in Umpqua and April 27 in the Rogue Valley.
  - Presented on wildfire impacts on the forest sector at the Governor's Wildfire Response Council.
  - Six OSWA Neighbor to Neighbor tours this year.
- Julie Woodward
  - Early Seral Workshop and Tour at OSU on June 10-11. OFRI is helping OSU with planning, especially for the field tour.
  - Wildlife in Managed Forest program has been active at the recent tree schools and upcoming Neighbor to Neighbor tours; a lot of outreach occurring this spring.
  - OFRI is partnering with ODE on a series of webinars for high school teachers, the first one focuses on Advisory Committees.
  - Several high school events happening this spring. OFRI is hosting Oregon Envirothon on May 3 and sponsoring the FNRL state event at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.
- Norie Dimeo-Ediger
  - A wildlife guide for middle school students, which matches the Next Generation Science Standards, is at the designer.

- Developing a one-page sheet providing links to K-12 videos for teachers to download.
- Sent out a technology survey to teachers and are receiving feedback.
- Rikki Heath
  - The spring student education program has begun at the Oregon Garden.
  - With Dimeo-Ediger, led “best practices workshop” for natural resources professionals who are asked to teach at ODS.
- Timm Locke
  - The Mass Timber Conference had a record turnout of more than 1,500 attendees. Planners announced the conference will return to Portland March 24-27, 2020 and their goal of growing to 10,000 attendees by 2025.
  - Efforts to get the Port of Portland to featured wood in a significant way in the airport's terminal core redevelopment project have paid off. Working with the design and construction team.
  - A subset of the Wood Products Working Group, is exploring investing potentially more than \$1 million in hiring a consultant to develop a sector development roadmap that would guide policymaking, incentives and recruitment efforts intended to attract significant investment to the state.
- Jordan Benner
  - 2019 Spring Ad Run
    - This year's advertising campaign began on March 25 and finishes June 9.
    - Statewide television buy (Portland, Eugene, Medford and Bend).
    - Target is Adults 18, skewing female, accompanying digital buy (web placements, social placements, digital media services).
    - Visitation to the website is showing the effects with a 77 percent increase in visitation over prior two weeks.
  - Website
    - 12,206 per month.
    - 2,620 downloads for the month.
    - Continual upward trend in total online visitors.
- Inka Bajandas
  - Hired a social media intern to help manage OFRI's social media channels. Her name is Autumn Barber and she's a college junior studying communications online through the University of New Mexico with plans to transfer to Portland State University. Autumn is currently working about 15 hours a week and about 35 hours a week during maternity leave.
  - Developed a timeline and draft outline for our Trees to Tap special report summarizing the study OFRI funded through OSU's Institute for Natural Resources. The goal is to have the report done and ready to distribute for the Oct. 10-11 board meeting and tour.
  - Working on writing an 8-page summary pamphlet with highlights from the 2019 economic report that should be complete by early summer.
- Erin Isselmann
  - Attended Oregon Business Council's annual trip to Washington DC. Met with the Oregon delegation and talked primarily about fire suppression.
  - Selected finishes for OFRI's new office, however, the lease is still not signed. Target move-in date is August 1.
- Quincy Powers
  - Thanked the board and staff for all their work.
  - Welcomed Lena Tucker, Oregon Department of Forestry.
  - Thanked Fiscal Year 2019-20 board officers Tyler Freres and Jennifer Phillippi for volunteering.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathy Storm".

Kathy Storm  
Recording Secretary