



Oregon Forest
Resources Institute

OREGON FOREST RESOURCES INSTITUTE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Chemeketa Eola Center
215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem

January 24, 2020

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
Steve McNulty, Weyerhaeuser Company
Jennifer Phillippi, Perpetua Forests Company
Casey Roscoe, Seneca Sawmill Company

Staff:

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

Guests:

Seth Barnes, Oregon Forest & Industries Council
Rob Davis, The Oregonian
Jon Irvine, Oregon AFL-CIO
Mike McGillivray, Cappelli Miles
Mickey Miles, Cappelli Miles
Darcey Price, Cappelli Miles

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tyler Freres at 9:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Jerry Anderson moved to approve the October 10, 2019 board meeting and November 14, 2019 conference call minutes. The motion was seconded by Casey Roscoe. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Manager, Public Outreach Jordan Benner played final television spots. Cappelli Miles new owner, Mickey Miles, introduced himself and provided his background. Darcey Price with Cappelli Miles reviewed the media buy schedule.

Director of Forestry Mike Cloughesy provided an update on the status of the Trees to Tap water study. The science finding is ten chapters focusing on sediments and turbidity, chemicals, water quantity and by-products related to organic matter in the water.

Executive Director Erin Isselmann reviewed two applications received from Matt Easton, International Paper and local president of the Association of Western Pulp & Paper Workers, and Jon Irvine, Oregon AFL-CIO, for the employee representative position on the board.

Motion: Jerry Anderson moved to recommend Jon Irvine as the employee representative on OFRI's board of directors. The motion was seconded by Steve McNulty. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

Executive Director Isselmann reported that Melissa Goff was appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, however, she resigned due to workload issues. Isselmann discussed potential candidates with the board and will follow up. She will provide an update on the March conference call.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Erin Isselmann thanked budget working group members, Jerry Anderson, Tyler Freres, David Hampton and Steve McNulty, for their assistance with the budget. Isselmann walked board members through the draft budget, including proposed pie chart program percentages. There was consensus among board members.

Director Cloughesy presented a plan to tie the Fiscal Year 2020-21 board tour with OFRI's upcoming special report on fire. The focus of the special report is on solutions that increase fire resiliency, fire adapted communities and forest health. The tour will be in the Medford area and will tie into My Southern Oregon Woodlands and the Citizens Fire Academy, which are two local programs that help landowners and homeowners prepare for wildfire.

The following Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities proposals were presented:

1. Trees to Tap board tour to educate policy makers on the relationships between active forest management and drinking water (\$6,000).

Motion: David Hampton moved to approve \$6,000 from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities budget for the Trees to Tap tour. The motion was seconded by Casey

Roscoe. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

2. Update and print OFRI's *Establishing and Managing Forest Trees in Western Oregon* publication (\$10,000).

Motion: Jennifer Phillippi moved to approve \$10,000 from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities budget to update and print *Establishing and Managing Forest Trees in Western Oregon*. The motion was seconded by David Hampton. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

3. Design and print a science findings report and special report on carbon in Oregon's managed forests (\$8,000).

Motion: Jerry Anderson moved to approve \$8,000 from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities budget to design and print a science findings report and special report on carbon in Oregon's managed forests. The motion was seconded by Casey Roscoe. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

4. Talk About Trees: TAT will create a Forests of Oregon program for 4th grade that will align more closely with the curriculum that is being taught at this grade level in Oregon schools (\$1,800).

Motion: David Hampton motioned to approve \$1,800 from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities budget for the Talk About Trees 4th grade program. The motion was seconded by Casey Roscoe. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

5. Talk About Trees: TAT will create new middle school curriculum on carbon cycle, healthy forest watersheds, forests of Oregon, tree stressors and climate and forests (\$3,200).

Motion: David Hampton moved to approve \$3,200 from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities budget for the Talk About Trees middle school curriculum. The motion was seconded by Casey Roscoe. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

6. Sponsor OPB and NPR's 7-episode podcast series recalling the timber wars and associated protests of the 1990s and how the legacy of that conflict continues to affect Oregonians and the discussions about forests (\$10,000). Discussion followed.

Motion: Jennifer Phillippi moved to approve \$10,000 from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 New Opportunities budget to fund sponsorship of the OPB/NPR podcast if NPR changes its directive and permits organizations with ties to the timber industry to sponsor the podcast. The motion was seconded by David Hampton. Voting for the motion: Jerry Anderson, Audrey Barnes, Tyler Freres, David Hampton, Steve McNulty, Jennifer Phillippi and Casey Roscoe. Voting against the motion: none. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

- Norie Dimeo-Ediger
 - Debuted a new K-12 video “Forest Team Go!” targeted at 4th and 5th graders that was created by OFRI staff and stars Lauren Grand from OSU Extension. Its aim is to show younger students the range of careers in the forest sector and how they work together to manage our forests.

- Rikki Heath
 - Meeting and making changes to our Outdoor School Pilot. Three schools will be attending this spring.
 - Attended the ODS provider training with Norie the past few days.
 - Working with Norie and OSU ODS team to provide a BEETLES workshop for NWRESA at the end of February.
 - Also planning an early learner’s workshop in March for ONREP.
 - Filling up spring schedule with schools.
 - The Golf for Education event the Oregon Garden Foundation held every year was a success. We have enough funding for this calendar year and if we make the same amount each year, the program should be sustainable.

- Inka Bajandas
 - Officially back from maternity leave, although recently started working a part-time schedule for the next six months—out of the office on Wednesdays.
 - OFRI’s new fire special report is in the beginning stages of development. We had a great kick-off meeting with our working group for the report, which includes representatives from ODF, Keep Oregon Green and OSU Extension, in November, and in the process of developing an outline for the report. The plan is to publish the report, which will be co-branded between OFRI, ODF, KOG and OSU Extension, in June.
 - Working closely with Mike and Paul Barnum on finalizing the copy, which Paul wrote, for the Trees to Tap special report summarizing the Trees to Tap science report. In good shape for that to publish in time to be distributed at the June 12 board tour focused on drinking water sourced from forested watersheds.
 - Also working with Mike on putting together a 12-page report that will summarize the Carbon in Oregon’s Managed Forests science report. Developed an outline for it and will start drafting the copy soon.

- Jordan Benner
 - Reviewed website analytics showing photosynthesis jumped up this quarter as one of the top three topics searched.
 - Updated all the county economic fact sheets on knowyourforest.org.
 - Website development and maintenance contract will expire this year, so will be working on a RFP.

- Mike Cloughesy
 - Carbon in Oregon’s Managed Forests draft chapters are complete and sent to reviewers. ODF’s Harvested Wood Products report has been delayed; will proceed without it. On track for completion of Science Report and Special Report by May 15.
 - SAF’s professional development website now has OFRI listed as a sponsor. Herbicide Best Practices Web Learning series will be posted soon and folks will have access for free.
 - Establishing and Managing Forest Trees in Western Oregon revisions will begin soon.

- Will be presenting on sustainably sourcing wood for mass timber projects at the Mass Timber Conference. OFRI hopes to develop a field trip on sustainable forest management for next year's IMTC, which Nadine Block of SFI is interested in helping with this tour and talk.
 - Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP) is holding their Biennial Conference in Sunriver in May; OFRI is a sponsor and Cloughesy is a keynote speaker.
 - Forest Health in Oregon: State of the State 2020 biennial Conference being held at OSU on February 27-28; OFRI is a sponsor and Cloughesy is a moderator.
- Julie Woodward
 - Wildlife in Managed Forest – Forests as Habitat publication: Landowner Working Group, please expect to see a manuscript for your review in February.
 - Establishing and Managing Forest Trees in Western Oregon: Landowner Working Group, we are planning to send an updated manuscript for your input in March.
 - Family Resource Guide is being updated, we are currently seeking changes from partners and will be finalizing it by the end of fiscal year.
 - Starker Lecture Series begins in February at OSU. Theme is "Women of Forestry". It will conclude on May 27 with a Women of Forestry Conference. Thank you to Casey Roscoe for agreeing to be part of the panel on Community and Outreach.
 - Oregon Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting is planned for April 15-16, 2020, in Keizer. Woodward is chair for this year and appreciates all the support from the forest sector. One field trip and panel will focus on watersheds and the trees to tap study. Another field trip and panel is focused on Wildlife in Managed Forests and will use OFRI's resources. The third field trip is up the Santiam Canyon focused on forest management.
 - Erin Isselmann
 - Legislative Concept 229 would redirect two-thirds of OFRI forest products harvest tax.
 - Oregon Public Broadcasting, The Oregonian and ProPublica are seeking input from the timber industry with a survey aimed to help the news organizations understand logging and timber practices across Oregon. The survey link will be shared in the February edition of eNews.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Storm
Recording Secretary