

Agenda Item No. :	E
Work Plan:	Fire Protection Work Plan
Topic:	Ongoing Topics, Appointment to Emergency Fire Cost Committee
Presentation Title:	Re-Appointment of Ken Cummings to EFCC
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend reappointment of one candidate to a position on the Emergency Fire Cost Committee.

BACKGROUND

ORS 477.440 directs that the Board “shall appoint an Emergency Fire Cost Committee consisting of four members, who shall be forest landowners or representatives of forest landowners whose forestland is being assessed for forest fire protection within a forest protection district. At least one member shall be selected from each forest region of the state. Members of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee shall be appointed by the board for four-year terms.”

ORS 477.445 gives authority to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) to “supervise and control the distribution of funds from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund.” The Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF), established by ORS 477.750, is used to equalize (reimburse) emergency fire suppression costs expended in protecting forestland statewide by forest protection districts, both state and association. The annual expenditure limit of the OFLPF is \$13.5 million – an amount that is reviewed by the legislature every two years.

Ken Cummings’ term expired January 2016. He has completed five four-year terms with the EFCC and is willing to serve an additional term. Ken represents industrial woodland owners in Oregon’s southwest Oregon forest region on the EFCC. We propose that Ken Cummings be reappointed to the EFCC to a four-year term to expire April 2020.

Attachment 1 contains a list of current committee members; the position scheduled for reappointment is in bold type. Attachment 2 contains a brief biography on Ken Cummings.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends the Board make the following appointment:

Reappoint Ken Cummings to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee to a four-year term expiring the end of April 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Emergency Fire Cost Committee Membership
- (2) Biography – Ken Cummings