

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDUSTRIES**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007
KLAMATH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, KLAMATH FALLS, OR

(1) Call to Order:

Chair Donald Haagensen called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

(2) Introductions:

Board Chair Donald Haagensen, Vice Chair Steve Macnab, Board Members Barbara Seymour, and Charles Vars were present, as were DOGAMI staff members Director Vicki McConnell, Assistant Director Don Lewis, Assistant Director Gary Lynch, and Administrative Assistant Carol DuVernois. James Azumano, Director of the Governor's Office of Rural Policy was the invited Guest Speaker.

In the audience were:

Tommy L. Wells, Klamath Community College
Anita Ward, Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group
Oregon State Senator Doug Whitsett
Don Seymour

DOGAMI Staff in attendance:

James Roddey
Margi Jenks
Lina Ma
Clark Niewendorp
Marina Drazba
Ian Madin

Chair Haagensen took a moment to express regrets at the passing of former Board member Don Christensen. McConnell agreed to draft a condolence letter for the Christensen family on behalf of the Board.

1 **(3) Approval of Governing Board Minutes for May 5, 2007: (Board)**

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3 **Motion: Vars moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by**
4 **Macnab. Motion carried.**

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6 **(4) Wrap-up of 2005-2007 Biennium and 74th Legislative Assembly:** (Vicki
7 McConnell, State Geologist): *Information Item*

8 a. Legislation carried by the Agency: McConnell summarized the bills put
9 forth by the agency: HB 3188 the Oil & Gas Restructure Bill. Rule writing
10 has started on that bill. SB 149 the Enforcement Bill for MLRR was signed

11 in June; rule writing has begun for this bill as well. The third bill, SB 5514
12 was the budget bill. No changes were made in the ratio of funding this
13 biennium.

14 b. Other legislation that has direct impact on the Agency – McConnell quickly
15 summarized various bills that were not put forward by our agency, but will
16 have an impact on DOGAMI. HB 3557 - Although this bill did not pass,
17 the aggregate/agriculture issues will drive much of the agency's policy
18 work this biennium for MLRR program.
19 SB1 - No funds were appropriated to DOGAMI for outreach on seismic
20 needs assessment. We will participate in the seismic needs grant
21 committee as mandated through technical staff and management support.
22 SB 5542 - appropriated \$1.5 million of lottery fund measure 66 R&D funds
23 for LIDAR data collection.

24 c. Final Financial Report for the Biennium –Both Program 1 and 2 are in the
25 black. The next biennium financial status is relatively stable, but we still
26 face the usual challenges. McConnell summarized the 07-09 budget for
27 both programs. She noted that LFO decided to remove the Federal funds
28 limitation from the MLRR Program budget, and the agency is fine with
29 their decision. She also summarized the Pro Forma Agency and Program
30 Financial Report for 2005-2007 biennium.

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32 Vars voiced worries about the ability of the program to run without any
33 substantial increase in funding for services this biennium. McConnell noted that
34 the agency has been running thusly since at least the 2001 biennium, and that
35 when we need staffing for projects, we generally hire limited duration staff or
36 contract for them. Vars commented that the agency is very tightly managed and
37 he is somewhat concerned about the future. Vars also spent some time
38 complimenting staff on the Klamath Falls field trip and the OSU Quake Safe tours
39 from the week before.

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41 d. Where do we go from here?
42 Staff recommends recognition of the following project and program strategies for
43 2007-2009 biennium:

- 44 ✓ Acceleration of the tsunami inundation mapping program. McConnell
45 noted that Lina Ma is now a temporary Coastal staffer.
- 46 ✓ Full initiation of LiDAR data collection and interpretation program. Mark
47 Sanchez has accepted the offer of the LIDAR technical position. Details of
48 the program can be viewed on our website.
- 49 ✓ Landslide and debris flow program focused on local government IGAs
- 50 ✓ Development of an aggregate resource assessment policy for state
- 51 ✓ Continued involvement in the Lambert Bend Stakeholder group and the
52 Willamette River Restoration program as relevant. This is the only item on
53 the list that will not be covered under the performance measures, yet is,
54 like the Rogue River project, a very important restoration project
55 regardless of whether or not is in line with the performance measures.

56 ✓ Focus on completing the digital geologic map compilation and Willamette
57 River Basin geologic mapping. The fifth year of a six year program to
58 compile geologic data into a map.

59 The Board concurred with the list after a short discussion.

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61 **(5) Invited Guest Presentation:**

62 Governor's Rural Economic Recovery Policy

63 (Jim Azumano, Director, Governor's Office of Rural Policy): Information item

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65 Mr. Azumano discussed the Governor's policy on rural economic development in
66 Oregon with the Board. He noted that he is a one man office, with a 14 member
67 committee, which meets monthly. His office is distinct among the other economic
68 groups in the Governor's office in that it is not immersed in projects. Instead his
69 office tries to figure out where it can be helpful. The office has tried to convert
70 Rural Oregon Day from a rally on the state house steps to a conference outlining
71 what rural Oregon needs, out of which they have developed some policy tracks in
72 health, education, workforce development, natural resources, and small business
73 entrepreneurialism. So instead of the legislators hearing merely who rural
74 Oregon is, they are also hearing what is needed in the areas they represent.

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76 One of the things they have learned is that since Oregon is such a large, diverse
77 state, policies that are framed on the format of one size fits all does not really
78 work, so place-based policy and capacity-based policy are themes throughout
79 their discussions. One of the challenges of rural policy is to take the rules and
80 laws passed in Salem and adapt them for rural areas.

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82 Water is the issue that consistently rises to the top of the heap when discussing
83 rural Oregon issues. However, the people of rural Oregon are not interested in
84 the causes, but the effects. Water is a "here and now" issue for most of rural
85 Oregon, but Azumano noted that DOGAMI has a huge role in long range water
86 issues.

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88 Other issues that affect rural Oregon are education and health care. Without
89 these, it is difficult to sustain a sizeable business of any sort. Workforce
90 development is also one of the critical factors in the problems facing rural Oregon
91 today, and the retirement of the baby boomers is an unprecedented factor when
92 it comes to the economy. The Office of Rural Policy is helping implement some
93 changes that may help, such as extending Visas for 5 years if the MD will
94 consent to working in a practice in an underserved community, or extending
95 PERS benefits so that a retired nurse may become a nurse educator. Other
96 solutions are "growing your own", getting young people in rural areas interested
97 in the sciences and training them with the idea that they would stay in their rural
98 community, increasing science exposure in the County and State Fair settings,
99 and focusing on the sciences in the OSU Extension program.

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101 Haagensen noted that rural Oregon was historically a resource based economy;
102 agriculture, timber, and minerals. Now timber is virtually gone, and agriculture

103 and minerals are reduced. These industries are facing a battle in the non-rural
104 segment of the population, and are not accepted as a legitimate part of the
105 economy of Oregon by the population of the Willamette Valley. Azumano agreed
106 with his analysis and further stated that the Brand Oregon concept could help
107 with not just food, but with other natural resources, such as concrete. He did
108 stress that it is a difficult concept to promote, due to differing values of the rural
109 and urban populations, and will take a marketing concept that does not exist at
110 this time, such as "Green Concrete".

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112 Haagensen asked about including a Geology person on the Rural Committee.
113 Azumano noted that there are currently two openings on the committee and they
114 do want a diverse mix of interests. He said he would entertain any applicant that
115 we would put forward and would get applications to them. Geographic
116 considerations are not as important as diversified experience. He also stated
117 that they would even consider an applicant from the urban area so that they may
118 help people from the urban areas better understand the issues faced by rural
119 Oregon.

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121 Macnab said that the agency has a wealth of information that may be an asset to
122 what his office does, and to keep it in mind in their discussions. Azumano stated
123 that his office is also open to advocating policy issues that our agency may be
124 considering.

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126 Vars pointed out that there are many rules, laws and regulations coming out of
127 Salem that affect rural Oregon in ways that legislators may not have intended. In
128 that regard, there has never been an in-depth analysis of how the "particular
129 case" is relevant to the "general case", which in turn is relevant to the next
130 "particular case". Azumano agreed and rephrased Vars' discussion by saying
131 "We know what we don't know, but we don't know the answer to what we don't
132 know, yet." He spoke of tapping into the universities' research, hoping to more
133 clearly identify what we don't know.

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135 McConnell thanked Azumano for his comment on advocating policy issues, and
136 noted that our agency will be contacting him in this regard. She believes that the
137 agency does have a part in the state's water issues and must try to ensure that
138 we are a part of the Water Resource agency assessment program to help make
139 the assessment as successful as it can be.

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141 Haagensen noted that historically, a critical ground water area is not usually
142 declared until there is a disaster situation, and suddenly there are all these
143 draconian rules that must be imposed because you are past the point of no
144 return. One way to ameliorate this problem is to study it before it reaches that
145 point, to understand where the water is coming from, how it recharges itself, etc.
146 Klamath Basin, he believes, would be a good template for that study. Vars made
147 a parallel argument with Bandon and the golf courses, furthering the argument
148 with the fact that you cannot ignore California in these situations.

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Seymour asked Azumano if the Office's vision leans toward developing rural Oregon or creating more urban centers. Azumano said that depends on the region; some want to grow and some don't. Most just want to sustain themselves. The vision right now is to help people understand that it takes a combination of elements to sustain a community, and that water is one of the key foundation pieces to all of it.

(6) Break

(7a) Report of the State Geologist: (Vicki McConnell, State Geologist)

- a. State Geologist updated the Board on the State of the Agency, outlining what the agency has been doing since the last Board meeting:

Primary project grants and/or grant approvals:

- NANOOS full grant proposal for funding of the Regional Cooperative Ocean Observing System was successful. This is the first year of a three year grant opportunity and was funded at \$500,000. Our share will fund parts of Jonathan's coastal monitoring work.
- We continue discussion with USGS and NEHRP to extend the Portland Earthquake Hazards Mapping project for another 5 years.
- We have received approval of our 2007 NTHMP grant request from NOAA (\$268,538). Also we will be signing another 5 year contract for the program to cover 2007-2012.
- Met with OWEB Executive Director and staff to begin contract negotiations for funding and administration of the Oregon LiDAR Program. We are preparing our Statement of Work and budget and anticipate completing a contract by the end of August.

Primary projects milestones:

- We completed the Statewide Seismic Needs Assessment of Public School Buildings and Emergency Facilities project and report. The preliminary report was submitted to the Legislature in the Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy on May 22, 2007. The submittal of the report was coordinated through the Governor's office and the President of the Senate's office. The report was well received and legislature was passed to fund the staff (OEM) for the next step, the formation of the Seismic Needs Grant Committee. DOGAMI is named in statute to be a permanent member of the committee. Don Lewis and I will share that responsibility initially. First meeting will be September 18th. I commend the entire Statewide Seismic Needs Assessment Team and contractors who did an exemplary job and completed the report ahead of schedule.
- Our final LIDAR data collection for 2007 will occur in the Mt. Hood area in September. We expect the first of the processed LiDAR data to be delivered within a month. We have also launched the Oregon LiDAR Consortium (OPC) webpage and invite you to visit it at:
<http://www.oregongeology.com/sub/projects/olc/default.htm>

- 195 • 2006 StateMap deliverables have been submitted to the USGS – final
196 Prineville quadrangle maps, southwest coast map, southwest hexangle for
197 digital geologic compilation.

198 *Other:*

- 199 • McConnell and Lynch completed agency representation to legislature
200 through the final months of the 74th Legislative Assembly.
- 201 • DOGAMI and USGS hosted the National Earthquake Prediction
202 Evaluation Council meeting April 18, 2007 as they evaluated the science
203 regarding slow slip earthquake activity on subducting plates such as the
204 Cascadia Subduction Zone.
- 205 • McConnell attended the AASG Western States Cluster Meeting in St.
206 George, Utah May 7-9 and McConnell and Madin attended the AASG
207 Annual Conference in Key Largo, Florida June 10-14. McConnell has
208 been elected to the Executive Board of AASG as Secretary.
- 209 • Oregon Geologic Mapping Advisory Committee met on July 18th to review
210 mapping activity and advise on priorities. We will continue focusing most
211 geologic mapping efforts and staff to completing a compilation of
212 Willamette Valley quadrangle resolution geology, earthquake hazard
213 mapping in Portland area, and completion of the digital geologic
214 compilation.
- 215 • Quake Safe tours conducted at OSU and WOU campuses – August 23 &
216 24.
- 217 • Yumei Wang participated in ASCE engineering group to survey
218 infrastructure damage to Japan from the July 16 M 6.6 Kashiwazaki quake
219 in Niigata Japan.
- 220 • Staff changes:
- 221 • Paul Staub, data manager, retired after 30 years with the agency.
222 He started with the agency as a cartographer back when that meant
223 line drawings on Mylar and was instrumental in pulling the Agency
224 into the digital world through his management of our metadata and
225 many databases. He will be missed.
 - 226 • Paul's position was updated and we successfully recruited internally
227 for a qualified applicant. Rudie Watzig has been promoted to the
228 position as of August 1, 2007.
 - 229 • Lina Ma, Limited Duration (LD) geologist, position transferred to the
230 NRS 3 geologist position that is part of the southwest Field Office.
231 She will not be relocating to Grants Pass however.
 - 232 • Mark Sanchez has accepted the offer of the LIDAR technical
233 position.
 - 234 • MLRR is preparing to open recruitment for a reclamationist with fish
235 biology training.
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237 *Publications and Databases completed or near completion:*

- 238 • Geothermal Cascadia completed. Copy in your packet.
- 239 • Final report for Seismic Needs Assessment has been published as
240 an OFR (OFR O-07-02)

- 241 • Geothermal Resource Information Layer for Oregon released as an
242 interactive GIS layer on website:
243 <http://www.oregongeology.com/sub/gtilo/index.htm>
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245 *Agency Synergy*

246 Cooperation on geothermal issues and industrial minerals through staff
247 interactions. McConnell and Lynch are working on the Columbia County
248 aggregate mining program take over issue.
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250 *Congressional Bills tracked:*

- 251 • Reauthorization of National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program
252 (StateMap) – Has been reintroduced and no movement.
253 • Ice Aged Floods Bills have been reintroduced.
254 • Two bills have been introduced to task USGS with assessing the
255 geological storage capacity for CO₂. Committee hearings on the Senate
256 side in the Committee on Energy and Natural Resource have taken place.
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258 *Natural Resource Policy Issues Briefing*

259 McConnell and Lynch participated in further discussions with other NR
260 agencies and the GNRO on developing a statewide aggregate resource
261 policy including a resource economic impact study.
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263 McConnell said that what was left out of the report is the hard, innovative work by
264 the staff. She wanted to highlight an example. Dawn Marshall the Executive
265 Assistant for MLRR devised a strategy to digitize all the well logs, which needs a
266 continuous digitizing instrument due to their long shapes. She took it upon
267 herself to meet with our primary stakeholders who use the well logs all the time,
268 and convinced them to agree to invest in a scanner so they would not have to go
269 to the physical well logs anymore. McConnell said this is just one example of the
270 staff coming forward with innovations and new ideas, of people who are willing to
271 retool themselves with a little training.
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273 Haagensen congratulated McConnell on being elected Secretary of the American
274 Association of State Geologists.
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276 Macnab praised the new issue of Cascadia. Clark Niewendorp and Deb
277 Schueller did a great job on the publication and on the interactive geothermal
278 database now on our website. The Oregon Department of Energy helped fund
279 this project, but Niewendorp and Schueller took the project far beyond what was
280 expected.
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282 **(7b) Agency Strategic Plan Workgroup Retreat:** Update Item

283 The agency conducted a planning retreat to draft the framework for revising the
284 Agency Strategic Plan, due to be implemented 2009. Although neither Board
285 member of the workgroup was able to attend we did have an open and
286 productive discourse. Please see the official Board Packet for the written

287 summary of the retreat activity with recommendations for a revised mission
288 statement, vision statement, and strategic goals and objectives.
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290 Staff recommends at least a briefing meeting of entire workgroup if not another
291 retreat before draft strategic plan framework is ready for dissemination to
292 stakeholders and general public. This would allow for compilation of input from
293 Board members and time to review other state agency strategic plans.
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295 Haagensen asked for general comments from the Board, but advised that any
296 detailed comments should be sent to McConnell later, since we were pressed for
297 time. Macnab was pleased with the report and thought we were on the right
298 path.
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300 Vars had prepared a handout for the Board (see Board Packet). He was pleased
301 with what he saw in the report, but said it fell short in that it did not address state
302 and local public policy, nor did it separate hazards from simple data collection.
303 He stated that we need to look at it as “reality” rather than merely “public
304 relations”. He believes that both of these issues should be major goals for the
305 agency. The reality of the political situation that the agency faces in the budget
306 and in its relationships requires that geologic hazards be highlighted. The
307 agency needs to communicate as effectively with the state and local agencies as
308 possible. There are other fundamental issues, including water and other natural
309 resources, which matter to the state. Vars believes that the agency needs to
310 identify these objectives that have broad importance to the state. He further
311 believes, perhaps more than the average person does, that outreach and
312 education are very important. To do all the scientific work and get it
313 disseminated in an understandable way should be part of what the agency needs
314 to focus on.
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316 Vars presented his version of the Mission Statement:
317 To provide (1) Fundamental geologic information to promote the well-being of
318 Oregonians, and (2) Guidance for state and local policy. His handout represents
319 a way for him to summarize the report and a way for him to present to an
320 audience a framework for what the agency does.
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322 **(8) Regulatory Issues:** (Gary Lynch, Mineral Lands Regulation and
323 Reclamation Program)
324 a. Lynch summarized operational and enforcement activities for surface
325 mining and oil and gas regulatory programs. He discussed the Sundance Rock
326 issue, noting that the slide material in the farmer’s field has been about 80%
327 cleaned up and should be finished by mid-September, well ahead of schedule.
328 The site will then be reclaimed and no longer mined.
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330 A mining company has volunteered to restore the Dumas site, and the contested
331 case request has been withdrawn. The goal is to have this and the Love site

332 restoration completed no later than October 31 to ensure the work is done before
333 the rains.

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335 Methane Energy Corp has been looking for a buyer of the project, and is getting
336 ready to add some additional wells. At this time we are only permitting their
337 exploration. If it goes to a development phase, then the workload for the entire
338 agency will be substantial, in that we will have to define the field, the spacing for
339 the wells, etc. Lynch said that there are also negotiations between Northwest
340 Natural and MEC to buy the gas.

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342 Oregon Resources with the black sand deposit near Bandon is moving slowly,
343 and we haven't heard any news from them since around May. They have not yet
344 submitted a permit application.

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346 Lynch pointed out that the reclamation MLRR is involved in is really a risk
347 reduction scenario in many ways. Those sites are typically pre-1972 law sites
348 that if not corrected can have catastrophic results. The Rogue River reclamation
349 project did many nice things for that area, but its true aim was to reduce the risk
350 of a pit capture of the Rogue River. So those pre-law sites have a liability to
351 them and that by doing these voluntary restoration projects we reduce the risk to
352 the agency, to the industry and to the citizens of Oregon.

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354 b. Columbia County Surface Mining Program and DOGAMI –
355 Columbia County officials have concluded that they want to repeal their surface
356 mining ordinance, which will thereby have DOGAMI MLRR in its regular role of
357 issuing Operating Permits, approving reclamation plans, collecting fees, etc.
358 DOGAMI staff has had several conversations and meetings with Columbia
359 County Planning Commission.

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361 The problem we face is that Columbia County's surface mining ordinance, while
362 similar in many ways to the department's program, is different in some significant
363 ways and we will need to transition the Columbia County program into the state
364 version. Our preference would be to do that legislatively and we are working with
365 the county to accomplish that goal. We have asked the AG's office for a legal
366 analysis to help us understand the details and options available.

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368 McConnell summarized the August 20th meeting with the Columbia County
369 Planning Commissioners. The County Commission wrote a recommendation that
370 the Planning Commission approve the repeal of the Surface Mining Ordinance,
371 thus giving DOGAMI enough time to finish an analysis. The SMO must go
372 through the Planning Commission for acceptance of any recommendations. She
373 made it very clear to both Commissions that DOGAMI is neither an advocate for
374 nor against the repeal, but we are merely the default agency that would take it
375 over if they decided to repeal it. Most testimony was in favor of it going from the
376 county to the state.

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378 The Planning Commission sent the issue back to the County Commissioners with
379 a recommendation that they needed a fiscal impact analysis before any decision
380 is made. McConnell has spoken to the Governor's Natural Resource Office and
381 let them know that we may need some help in getting some quick statutory
382 changes through in the 2008 session. She believes it is inevitable that by 2008
383 we will have this program. Lynch said that though MLRR has experience with
384 this, that there will be a significant workload and legislative mandate will clean up
385 the issues that will legally pose problems.

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387 c. OAR rule writing schedule – Lynch summarized the plans for rule writing
388 for several bills. This may require some coordination of upcoming Board
389 meetings. As a result of new legislation there is a significant rule writing effort
390 ahead. Recognizing that well written rules are important and that lawyers are
391 natural born rule writers, we will proceed thusly: Gary Lynch will prepare a
392 document that conceptualizes the rules, producing a rule skeleton and the AG's
393 office will put the musculature, vascular, nervous, and glandular systems on the
394 bones. Staff will then review that for technical accuracy of the organism. After
395 the staff reviews it we will bring it to the Board for preliminary approval. Then
396 we'll take that to a technical advisory committee, then back to the Board for final
397 approval to submit it to the Secretary of State. This is expected to be a six-
398 month effort.

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400 Well written rules are critical to the understanding needed to implement
401 legislation and statutes. We believe bringing in the AG's office early on will
402 improve the quality of the rules.

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404 516.090 (2)(a) The Board may "In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS
405 chapter 183, adopt rules necessary for the administration of the laws that the
406 board is charged to administering."

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408 **(9) Board Business**

409 Please note that Items 9a and 9b have been reversed.

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411 a. Presentation of Agency Annual Performance Award: Ian Madin was
412 presented with the award. Ian was given the award based on his work on the
413 LIDAR project, including his foresight of the importance of the technology. Ian
414 has gone above and beyond the call with his efforts to get partners and financial
415 support for the project.

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417 McConnell mentioned that the other two contenders for the award were Deb
418 Schueller, our website and publications person, and Jason McCloughry, a
419 geologist in the Baker City office. She highlighted the fact that the decision was
420 a difficult one.

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422 b. Governing Board Key Performance Measures:

423 All state agencies and boards and commissions are required to track progress
424 and effectiveness via Performance Measures. In 2006 the Oregon Progress
425 Board and LFO drafted recommended performance measures for Boards and
426 Commissions. Since then the Board has reviewed the draft measures, adjusted
427 the measures to reflect the responsibilities of this Board, and adopted KPM#11
428 and measurement processes. KPM#11 will be included in full Agency KPM
429 submittal to Oregon Progress Board in September.

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431 Evaluation of KPM results may affect future Board activities and procedures.
432 McConnell commended the Board for taking on this task and getting it to fit this
433 Board. Don Lewis presented the compiled the results sent in by each of the
434 Board members (see official Board Packet).

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436 Analyzing Assessment Results and Defining Next Steps

437 Once the self-evaluations have been reviewed, the board will want to prepare
438 responses to the following questions. Responses should be integrated into the
439 Annual Performance Progress Report, which is due from agencies on September
440 30th of each year.

- 441 • How are we doing?
- 442 • How do we compare to others and/or to our target? (NA at this time)
- 443 • What factors are affecting our results?
- 444 • What needs to be done to improve future performance?

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446 Macnab believes the current Strategic Plan has too many broad statements, but
447 he noted that the objectives for the next biennium, after the Strategic Plan
448 retreat, are much more specific, which brings that closer in line with what he
449 would like to see. He would like more detail about what the accomplishments are
450 during the biennium so we can measure how far we have come. McConnell
451 noted that we have an informal discussion at the start of each biennium, but
452 these have not been succinctly stated in the past. Macnab stated that having the
453 objectives stated provides everyone with some direction.

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455 Executive Director's performance appraisal falls into 2 categories; the Executive
456 Director as an individual and the Executive Director representing the agency as a
457 whole. Haagensen said it has been an informal discussion in the past, and is
458 hoping to come up with a formal process. McConnell believes that DAS has a
459 packet for reviewing Directors, and will get that to the Board to use as a starting
460 point. Haagensen suggested an annual internal discussion of how the Director is
461 doing, and a periodic discussion with people outside of the agency to hear how
462 they believe the Director is performing.

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464 Haagensen will evaluate the DAS review materials and determine how to set up
465 the evaluation process.

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467 As part of KPM best practices it was determined that a fiscal oversight delegation
468 log from the Board to Agency Director should be ratified. Haagensen noted a
469 typo, which we will amend.

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471 **Motion: Vars moved to ratify the delegation log with aforementioned**
472 **amendment. Seymour seconded. Motion carried.**

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474 c. Process for appointment of new Board member: Information Item
475 Vera Simonton's term officially ends October 15, 2007, but has agreed to carry
476 over until a new member has been approved by the Senate, and will attend the
477 next meeting. She is the representative for Eastern Oregon, so geographically
478 we will be looking for someone from that area. Umatilla County Commissioner
479 Larry Givens has expressed interest.

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481 The next special session to confirm a new member will be in February, so we
482 need to recommend candidates by January.

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484 The Board recommended that we don't rely on just one candidate, because if he
485 withdraws we will be left without a backup. McConnell agreed to talk to
486 legislators in eastern Oregon and to place ads in the newspapers in that area.
487 Judge Terry Tallman was mentioned as someone to contact as well.

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489 **(10) Setting of time and place of next Board meeting: *Action Item***

490 The next Board meeting will be held in Portland on Tuesday November 6,
491 2007.

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493 The next strategic planning retreat will be held on Friday, October 19 in Salem
494 from 8am until 12 noon.

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496 **(11) Additional Public Comment:**

497 Anita Ward of the Upper Klamath Basin Working Group commended the
498 Board for its outreach and education by way of the lecture and field trip. She was
499 also very interested in James Azumano's presentation. She wanted to discuss
500 the LNG terminal in Coos Bay and the pipeline to Malin. She said that Governor
501 Kulongoski recently ratified dredging of the Coos Bay channel. While promoted
502 by the Coos County Commissioners, it will affect the fishing and seafood beds,
503 impacting livelihoods of locals. She believes DOGAMI may have a voice in the
504 discussion about the dredging and how advisable it is. She also mentioned that
505 homeland security should be a large part of the discussion, since the pipeline
506 and the tankers would be potential targets.

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508 McConnell response touched on the reason they are dredging, which is to bring
509 in the big tanker ships and turn it into a large commercial port. There will be
510 considerable changes to the whole Coos Bay area and there is a feasibility study
511 underway. There are also concerns that heavy metals in the sediments will be

512 disturbed, as well as disturbing the seabed itself. Dredging also has the
513 capability of changing the shoreline.

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515 McConnell asked the Chair to recognize Margaret Jenks for her incredibly good
516 work in the Klamath Basin, and for a very successful lecture and field trip series.
517 Haagensen was impressed not only with the content of the lecture and field trip,
518 but moreover, with her connection with the people in the audience. He said that
519 her field work was excellent, but her personal interactions with the people in
520 Klamath Falls were outstanding. Vars said the lecture and trip were among the
521 best meetings he has ever attended.

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523 **(12) Adjourn:**

524 Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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526 **Action List: (in no order of priority)**

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528 1. McConnell will draft a condolence letter for Don Christensen's family to be
529 signed by the Board Chair, on behalf of the entire Governing Board.

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532 2. McConnell will obtain the DAS packet of Director's Review Forms and
533 distribute it to the Board. Haagensen will evaluate the forms and
534 determine how best to proceed. This will be an agenda item for the next
535 meeting. Complete

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537 3. McConnell will place ads in Eastern Oregon newspapers advertising a
538 vacancy on our Board, and will contact legislators for recommendations on
539 candidates. Judge Tallman will also be approached to gauge his interest
540 in a possible candidacy.

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Don Haagensen, Chair

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Steve Macnab, Vice Chair

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