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EMERGENCY FIRE COST COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING March 19, 2019

In accordance with the provisions of ORS 477.455, a meeting of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) was held at the State Forester's Headquarters, 2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon.

Committee Members Present (all via conference line):

Ken Cummings, Chair
Steve Cafferata
Jake Gibbs
Chris Johnson

Others Present:

Nancy Hirsch, EFCC Administrator
Peter Daugherty, State Forester (via phone)
Travis Medema, Interim Deputy for Operations (via phone)
Doug Grafe, Chief, Fire Protection Program
Neal Laugle, Aviation Unit Manager, Fire Protection Program
Sarah Lathrop, Aviation Coordinator, Fire Protection Program
Dan McCarron, Chief Pilot, ODF
Tim Holschbach, Prevention & Policy, Fire Protection Program
Jamie Paul, Assistant Eastern Oregon Area Director (via phone)
Ali Webb, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Administrative Services
Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cummings called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19. Introductions were made around the table and on the phone.

ITEM 2: STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS [Decision Item]

Chair Cummings thanked all for attending and asked Doug Grafe if there were any updates to the strategic investments proposal since the last EFCC meeting March 5, 2019. Doug responded that the timeline should still be accurate, pending any unforeseen issues, with a strong potential to have in play this fire season if approved.

Chair Cummings noted that if this proposal does not materialize this fire season, staff should not feel inefficient or that jobs were incomplete. He also commented that this investment will be a positive message on collaboration and partnership and shows that the agency is at the cutting edge of modern technology.

Chair Cummings explained that this is not a decision on merits but rather an informed and thoughtful process to say each committee member reviewed the criteria and the proposal was judged thoroughly and independently. Chair Cummings reviewed the summary of the committee's evaluation of the proposal ([handout](#)). He elaborated that most committee members saw everything the same with a total of 80% vote of confidence that landowners are represented in this proposal.

Chair Cummings then asked the committee if there was any disagreement among the committee members to which Jake Gibbs responded with agreement in decision. Chair Cummings offered to hold a future discussion with the committee on the evaluation criteria and strategic investment process, following today's meeting if necessary to consider process improvements going forward.

Chair Cummings asked the committee for a motion to approve \$692,334 to be allocated to the aerial infrared and mapping strategic investment proposal. Steve Cafferata motioned to approved and Chris Johnson seconded the motion. All unanimously approved.

Doug Grafe thanked the committee for their commitment to this process and seeing it through.

Chair Cummings asked Nancy to codify this approval in writing with a note to State Forester Daugherty explaining the process and decision and to attach the proposal. He would also like to use this codification note as an information piece with the Governor's Wildfire Council.

Travis Medema thanked the committee on behalf of himself and State Forester Daugherty and agreed with the letter codifying the strategic investment proposal.

Steve Cafferata asked for an email update to EFCC either every week or every couple of weeks to keep the committee informed along the way. Chair Cummings asked the Division staff to send email updates to Nancy for dispersing to committee members. Nancy added that the Protection Division will be asked to provide updates at each quarterly meeting of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee on all projects. Nancy will have a draft letter prepared for Chair Cumming's signature by the end of the day today.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT / GOOD OF THE ORDER

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Cummings adjourned the meeting at 8:14 a.m.