

Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee Meeting

Department of Forestry
2600 State Street, Salem Oregon
Tillamook Room
April 12, 2019

Pursuant to notice made by press release to newspapers of general and local circulation throughout the state and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the committee and the members of the committee, a regular meeting of the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) was held at the Department of Forestry in Salem, Oregon.

Present Committee Members: Susan Morgan, ; Craig Pope, Polk County; John Sweet, Coos County Commissioner; Kathleen Sullivan, Clatsop County Commissioner; Will Tucker, Linn County Commissioner; David Yamamoto, Tillamook County Commissioner; Jim Bernard, Clackamas County; Lianne Thompson, Clatsop County; Margaret Magruder, Columbia County; Bob Reed, Heath Curtis

Present Department Staff: Peter Daugherty, State Forester; Liz Dent, State Forests Division Chief; Andy White, NWOA Area Director; Justin Butteris, Operations and Policy Analyst; Mike Totey, West Oregon District Forester; Heidi Emch, Executive Support; Dave Lorenz, Southern Oregon Area Director; Mike Cafferata, Forest Gove District; Cindy Kolomechuk, State Forests Division; Brian Pew, State Forest Division Deputy Chief; Kevin Boyd, State Forest Division; Megan Ehnle, ODF; Kristin Whitney, Executive Support; Jason Cox, Public Affairs

Present Others:

Seth Barnes, OFIC; See sign in sheet
Mark Rasmussen, by phone

Chair Opening Remarks and Public Comment

Approval of February 15, 2019 minutes held until next meeting due to commissioners having issues accessing their email. Minutes were emailed by Heidi Emch on April 5, 2019.

Public comment:

Lianne Thompson-wanted to share an outstanding business who was celebrated by Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) and shared that the Winner of the Economic Impact Award, recognized Lewis & Clark Timberlands. Recognized for being good stewards of the land and for their commitment to community service which had significant impact on tax revenues in Clatsop County at a million dollars. Also shared she'd like to come together as a part of the moderate middle, where we have profession and respect for each other and trust each other's good judgement and good will and realize there is a valiant effort to be done. Wage peace rather than wage war on people of different persuasions.

Opening comment:

Commissioner John Sweet shared disturbing news as he stated from Coos County. Georgia-Pacific Saw Mill Shutdown in Coos County, laying off 111 workers. Says he's seen in his time as commissioner property after property be taken out of timber production. Reminder to those around the table to not let what happened in Clatsop County, happen to others. Says families can't survive on the income that other industries provide, that the loss of the lumber jobs is a huge impact to their county.

Chair Yamamoto stated that "we" are not looking for a hand out or a hand up even, just need the opportunity to make a living. Stated that tourism based jobs are not enough for a family to live on. And that these industry jobs are necessary.

Margaret Magruder stated that the generation 1 in 11 jobs in Oregon depends on the natural resource industry. Driving the message home, that without the natural resources, we have no new income sources.

Bob – stated that in terms of "real dollars" most recently for their 7200 acres they have received \$34 dollars. States it is ridiculous.

Chair Yamamoto says we are under attack at all levels. Not looking for a handout.

Clackamas county commissioner shared we have to manage our forests, states: he is "here because I have to believe we can manage our forests and work our forests". Says we have a long way to go. People can't survive on 20-30,000 dollars a year.

Chair Yamamoto voiced concerns about the open conversations surrounding the FTLAC and the Department because of the Class Action Lawsuit. The specifications about what could be discussed and what should not be are available to view within the lawsuit. Chair Yamamoto provided a disclaimer that he will likely provide at the beginning of each meeting: "Due to the ongoing litigation with the Linn county class action lawsuit during the course of this meeting the Chair and/or Vice-Chair might interject to identify statements that should not be construed as approval or direction and does not reflect the views of the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee nor the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties, and shall be so identified in the minutes of this meeting." Continued to ask everyone to be very careful about the conversations around the table.

Comments from State Forester

Peter Daugherty, State Forester started off speaking about the executive order for the Governor's Wildfire Council. That has been formed. There is a webpage on the Governor's policy page. The first meeting was last month. Impacts of wildfire and smoke were discussed. Next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2019 at ODFW Commission Room.

Will Tucker, shared his appreciation for the fire crews in his area. No structures lost. Mr. Daugherty gave shared appreciation as well as recognized the efforts of all others in the combined efforts.

Shared Stewardship

Peter Daugherty shared that Washington and Oregon and the forest service are focusing on active management. Collaborative efforts to actively manage forests and they want to increase pace and scale of those practices. More influence in US Forests.

Legislative updates

Several around forestry and many that question the Forest Practices Act including a number of pesticide bills. There is a bill to prohibit clear cuts that will effect most of the harvest on private land. There is a notification bill regarding pesticide application and a bill on emissions standards. House Bill 2020 is the primary carbon policy for Oregon. The goal of the bill is to reduce carbon emissions. Four regulating entities: Electricity generators, natural gas suppliers, transportation and fuel importers, industrial manufactures greater than 25 metric tons of CO2 emissions annually. We have been in communications regarding offsets to trade emissions in one form for another form. We submitted a list of potential investments in working forests: fuel investment treatments, effects of climate change, urban community forestry, ecological and riparian function, keep working forests working while creating climate resistant forests.

Discussion/Concerns

Liz Dent stated we continue to stay engaged, contributing to the goals of the legislature. Summarized concerns that selling carbon is not a replacement for selling timber. Selling carbon isn't the same benefit. Sam Brentano shared that this was troubling. Taking forests out of production directly impacting our communities. Will Tucker spoke to that concern as well which Peter Daugherty discussed the general concern is being addressed by multiple groups. Peter has set-up a meeting with our local economist to monitor this and said there is obviously more to come on this topic. In terms of harvested forest wood, we have been asked after the 2018 short session to review what is currently stored in wood products, forest pools so we have committed to this study as well as a third study to see what managed forests and longer rotations results and benefits may be, so there is more to come.

Lianne Thomson made a statement that replacing forestry/timber jobs, with tourism jobs that not only pay less, but create more grief in our population and produce extra carbon and traffic to their communities is problematic.

Peter Daugherty shared the report he gave at the Carbon Committee as well as shared there is an external website that documents and provides his presentation.

David Yamamoto stated that he hopes we will share the numbers and revenue as they are acquired. After Peter shared that we are currently working on a wood products in use, that we would track that separately and that the change in the forest pool only, is not yet available.

Annual report – over 6 year period 3.2 metric tons and we've been increasing per year, 30 metric tons.

Craig Pope asked if we will take this data or ask for a 2nd opinion. Peter Daugherty answered by stating yes, we have large groups looking at this data and peer reviewed by stakeholders, many of who are in attendance at FTLAC to review. FIA will sit down with their numbers and explain openly.

Susan Morgan asked if the social and economic impact of this was considered. Further discussed poverty concerns and further impacts on the communities at large.

Break for 5 minutes

HCP/FMP - Update

Liz Dent, began update with the update on Phase 2 of the HCP project– by clearly defining that the scope of the project is all of BOF land west of the cascades - Western Oregon, and does not include common school lands on the Elliott State forests. DSL is managing the Elliott.

Cindy Kolomechuk presented the HCP project and timeline, see handouts and materials. Also presenting were:

- Troy with ICF presenting technical components of the HCP
- Brett Brownscomb with Kearns & West approach to meeting facilitation and stakeholders
- Cindy Kolomechuk – leading this project

Meeting Materials Available Online

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Board/Pages/FTLAC.aspx>

- Agenda
- Staff Report
- HCP Process Timeline
- Western Oregon Forest HCP Draft Outline
- Timeline for Draft HCP Development
- Audio recording of meeting

Susan Morgan complimented the ODF staff and shared her appreciation of the process and how they addressed concerns regarding carbon, stated it was very linear and thorough and nicely done.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.