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The State Land Board met in regular session on October 13, 2015, in the Land Board Room at the Department of State Lands, 775 Summer Street NE, Salem, Oregon.

State Land Board

Present were:

Kate Brown

Governor

Jeanne P. Atkins
Ted Wheeler

Secretary of State
State Treasurer

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Secretary of State

Land Board Assistants

Richard Whitman
Robert Taylor
Kristin Johnson

Governor's Office
Secretary of State's Office
State Treasurer's Office

Ted Wheeler
State Treasurer

Department Staff

Mary Abrams
Jim Paul
Sabrina Owings

Stephanie Hallock Cummins
Chris Castelli
Cathy Gregory

Bill Ryan
Julie Curtis
Gary Cooper

Cyndi Wickham
Lanny Quackenbush

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore
Chris Matthews

Secretary Atkins called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The topics discussed and the results of those discussions are listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. a. **Request for approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2015 State Land Board meeting.**
- b. **Request for approval to grant a permanent easement to the City of Portland for a crossing at 33rd Avenue over the northern segment of Columbia Slough in Multnomah County.**
- c. **Request for approval to grant a permanent easement to the City of Portland for a crossing at 33rd Avenue over the southern segment of Columbia Slough (aka Buffalo Slough) in Multnomah County.**
- d. **Request for approval to grant a permanent easement to Tillamook County for a bridge crossing the South Fork of the Nehalem River.**
- e. **Request for approval to initiate the review and determination of the potential sale of the surface and subsurface estate for 0.6 acres of trust land in Marion County.**
- f. **Request for approval to initiate the review and determination of the potential sale of approximately 132 acres of state-owned land in Clatsop County.**

Director Abrams briefly described the items on the consent agenda. She explained that approval of agenda item f will begin the process of determining whether selling the 132 acres is appropriate. If staff determines a sale is appropriate, the item will come before the Board again for final action.

Treasurer Wheeler moved to adopt the consent agenda. There were no objections. The consent agenda was approved.

ACTION AGENDA

2. Request for adoption of the administrative rules governing the issuance of geothermal leases.

Director Abrams explained that staff is recommending that the rules for geothermal leases be incorporated into the rules governing special uses because all other renewable energy authorization rules are found in the division for special uses and the administrative procedures and policies in the special use rules are current, whereas the current geothermal rules would need major rewriting to update. The Department held two public comment periods. No comments were received during the first comment period. Comments received during the second comment period were incorporated into the rules, where applicable.

Treasurer Wheeler made a motion to adopt the amendments to the administrative rules authorizing special uses on state-owned land, to include the exploration for and development of geothermal resources (OAR 141-125-0100 through 0220); and also repeal administrative rules OAR 141-075-0010 through 0575. There were no objections. The item was approved.

3. Request for approval of the direct sale of five (5) parcels of land in Gilliam, Grant and Wheeler Counties.

Director Abrams explained that these five parcels were initially approved for disposal through the John Day Basin Asset Management Plan, which was approved in February 2014. Letters were sent to surrounding property owners who in turn expressed an interest in purchasing the properties. Notice was also sent to the Department's land sale notification list. The Department received no expressed interest from these parties. The Department has appraised the properties to estimate their market value. It is not uncommon for appraised values to differ from the "real market value" as determined by county assessors. The appraised values were thoroughly researched and vetted and are the best estimate of market value at this time.

Secretary Atkins noted that a previous agenda made reference to a parcel or parcels in Deschutes County and clarified that there are no parcels in Deschutes County being considered for disposal in this agenda item.

Treasurer Wheeler made a motion to adopt the staff recommendation to approve the direct sale of five parcels totaling 240.5 acres in Gilliam, Grant and Wheeler Counties to the surrounding adjacent landowners for their estimated market value as determined by Department appraisals.

Richard Whitman, Governor Brown's Natural Resource Policy Director asked if there would be any sage grouse habitat affected by the sales.

Eastern Region Manager, Lanny Quackenbush told the Board that no sage grouse habitat would be affected by these sales.

There were no objections to the Treasurer's motion. The item was approved.

4. Request for approval of appointments to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust.

Director Abrams told the Board that in October 2013, the Land Board directed the Department to make recommendations for appointments of voting members to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, which were originally scheduled to be presented to the Board at their December 2013 meeting. Soon after the October

2013 meeting, the Department was informed that legislation would be introduced to amend some of the requirements of the Trust and Trust membership and the Department suspended its work until after this legislation was passed in 2014. The Department worked extensively with the Governor's Natural Resource Office, as well as interested legislators to identify appropriate candidates for the Trust.

Gabriela Goldfarb, Natural Resource Policy Advisor for Governor Brown explained that the five candidates were chosen, consistent with the statute, for their skills in grant-making, fundraising, financial responsibility and ocean science. She said most members come from either the management community or stakeholder community who have great experience in terms of finding funding for this type of work. The candidates include: Laura Anderson, owner of Local Ocean Seafood and a current Fish and Wildlife Commissioner; Emily Goodwin, Executive Director of Cascade Mountain School in the Gorge and a past ocean program officer for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; Louise Solliday, who has a deep background in natural resources and is a current coast resident; Jim Sumich is a retired ocean scientist who received his Ph.D. from Oregon State University; and Krystyna Wolniakowski is the new Executive Director of the Columbia River Gorge Commission and former Northwest Area Director for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Ms. Goldfarb added that Senator Roblan was the moving force behind the Trust and he will be one of the two legislative members on the Trust. The other legislative member will be Representative David Gomberg

Secretary Atkins asked if all of the candidates have agreed to serve.

Ms. Goldfarb said that they all have agreed to serve.

Treasurer Wheeler asked if any of the nominees were present and wanted to speak.

Ms. Goldfarb explained that there were scheduling conflicts and that none of the nominees were able to attend the meeting.

Treasurer Wheeler moved to appoint the following individuals to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust as voting members:

- Laura Anderson for a term ending December 31, 2015 and reappointment for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2019;
- Emily Goodwin for a term ending December 31, 2018;
- Louise Solliday for a term ending December 31, 2015 and reappointment for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2019;
- Jim Sumich for a term ending December 31, 2018; and
- Krystyna Wolniakowski for a term ending December 31, 2015 and reappointment for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2019.

There were no objections. The appointments were approved.

5. Appointment of interim director.

Director Abrams told the Board that her last day in the office would be October 19, 2015 and that the Department of Administrative Services has released a recruitment announcement for her position. She said that it will likely take approximately four months to fill the position. She said the Land Board Assistants discussed the need for an interim director and have brought forth a recommendation to appoint Stephanie Hallock Cummins as the interim director of the Oregon Department of State Lands, effective October 14, 2015 through February 28, 2016.

Secretary Atkins welcomed Ms. Hallock Cummins to the speaker's table.

Richard Whitman added that the appointment is a limited duration appointment and told the Board that Ms. Hallock Cummins is not interested in the position permanently. He discussed the recruitment process in more detail and told the Board that the process will be very similar to the process used for the last recruitment. There will be an active national recruitment over the next 4-5 weeks and he encouraged the Board members to reach out to potential candidates. The Department of Administrative Services will conduct the initial screening of candidates. A list of qualified applicants will be forwarded to the Land Board Assistants who will do an initial screening and make a recommendation on who Land Board members should interview individually for the position. Land Board members are welcome to choose anyone from the list of qualified applicants for an interview. They do not have to interview only those recommended by the Assistants. The intent is to have a small number of one-on-one interviews with each Land Board member and then make a decision sometime around February 2016. The Land Board Assistants will be talking with agency stakeholders to get their input, as well as staff. He thanked Stephanie for serving as the interim director.

Treasurer Wheeler moved to appoint Stephanie Hallock Cummins as the interim director of the Oregon Department of State Lands, effective October 14, 2015 through February 28, 2016.

There were no objections. The appointment was approved.

Ms. Hallock Cummins said she looks forward to working with everyone and will do her best to fill the shoes of her predecessor until a permanent director is appointed.

6. Other

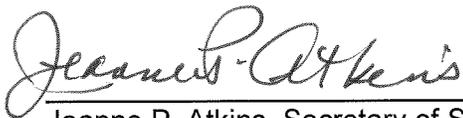
Richard Whitman presented Director Abrams with a framed photograph signed on the back by all the natural resource agency directors and photos were taken with the Board members.

Treasurer Wheeler added his words of appreciation for Mary's tenure at the Department.

Secretary Atkins expressed her appreciation to Mary for getting her up to speed on how the Board works and the issues before it.

Director Abrams thanked the Board, Assistants and Department staff for their support over the past three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State



Stephanie Hallock Cummins, Interim Director