

## **Department of State Lands**

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The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session on August 9, 2022, at the South Slough Reserve Visitor Center at 61907 Seven Devils Road in Charleston. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

**State Land Board** 

Kate Brown Governor

Present were:

Shemia Fagan Tobias Read Secretary of State State Treasurer Shemia Fagan Secretary of State

Land Board Assistants

Jason Miner – via Zoom

Molly Woon Ryan Mann Governor's Office

Secretary of State's Office State Treasurer's Office Tobias Read State Treasurer

Department Staff

Vicki Walker Arin Smith

Bill Ryan

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Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

In the Governor's absence, Secretary Fagan chaired the meeting. Secretary Fagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The topics discussed and the results of those discussions are listed below. To view the Land Board (Board) meeting in its entirety, please visit our YouTube page: August 9, 2022 Land Board Meeting

Director Walker opened the meeting with a land acknowledgment recognizing the indigenous tribes that have inhabited the South Slough land since Time Immemorial, and a short background on the history of the South Slough Natural Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR). She introduced Rebecca Smyth, West Coast Director of National the Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management who discussed their partnership with SSNERR.

### **Consent Items**

#### 1. Minutes

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2022, Land Board meeting.

Secretary Fagan seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:11 a.m.

# 2. Request for approval of a permanent easement for a bridge across the Klaskanine River in Clatsop County.

The Department of State Lands recommended the State Land Board approve the issuance of a permanent easement to Clatsop County Public Work, easement number 63695-EA, to maintain and operate a bridge on, over, under or across the Klaskanine River.

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the consent item.

Secretary Fagan seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:14 a.m.

## Informational Items

#### 3. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Plan

Director Walker gave a status update on the four vessels which are the biggest imminent threat to public health and safety. Emergency removal has been started on one of the vessels and removal of the other three vessels will soon follow.

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Questions were taken from the Board. Deputy Director Bill Ryan joined Director Walker at the table to assist in answering those questions.

Director Walker gave an overview of the plan and prioritization process for removal of derelict vessels in Oregon which includes requesting general funds to pay for the removals, so the money no longer comes out of the Common School Fund.

#### Action Items

# 4. State Land Board appointment of one voting member to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust.

OOST was created by the legislature in 2013 and consists of seven trust members. Director Walker introduced Dr. Karina Nielsen and OOST Director Laura Anderson. The Department recommended the State Land Board appoint Dr. Karina Nielsen to complete the unexpired term on the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, effective immediately and ending December 31, 2023.

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the action item.

Secretary Fagan seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 11:01 a.m.

# 5. Request for authorization to exchange quitclaim deeds to clear title of formerly submerged and submersible land with adjacent landowners, as applicable, for former Willamette River channel in Benton County.

The Department recommended the State Land Board authorize an exchange of quitclaim deeds with William D. Pitcher (Estate) to establish the state's ownership of land below the ordinary high-water line in the main channel of the William Eliver and in the Ingram Slough, and to remove the cloud of title for the William D. Pitcher (Estate) as to the formerly submerged and submersible lands from the former channel.

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the action item. Secretary Fagan seconded the motion. The item was approved at 11:05 a.m.

## 6. Request to decertify 4,907 acres of Common School Forest Lands within the Klamath District.

The Department recommended the State Land Board approve the decertification of 4,907 acres of Common School Forest Lands within the Oregon Department of Forestry's Klamath District, as described in Appendix E, to be effective July 1, 2023. This decertification will include 3,164 acres of the Yainax Butte tract, and 1,743 acres of the Sun Pass tract.

Director Walker invited the Department's Forester, Ryan Singleton, to the table to assist in answering questions from the Board.

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the action item. Secretary Fagan seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 11:14 a.m.

#### 7. Other

• Overview of illegal camp removal from the Elliott State Forest near Loon Lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State

Vicki L. Walker, Director