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State Land Board

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The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session on December 10, 2024, in the Land Board Room at the Department of State Lands (DSL), 775 Summer Street NE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Secretary of State

Present were:

Tina Kotek

Governor

Tobias Read

State Treasurer – Virtual

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Secretary of State

Tobias Read

State Treasurer

Land Board Assistants

Geoff Huntington

Governor's Office

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State Treasurer's Office

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Vicki Walker

Bill Ryan

Ellie Forness

Katrina Scotto di Carlo

Arin Smith

Jean Straight

Ali Ryan Hansen

Linda Safina-Massey

Ted Bright

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Governor Kotek called the meeting to order at 10:05 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: [December 10, 2024, Land Board Meeting](#)

Consent Items

1. Minutes

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 15, 2024, Land Board meeting.

Treasurer Read seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:06 a.m. without objection.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Request for approval to a. permanently adopt new rules in OAR 141-126: Authorizing Communication Site Facilities on State-Owned Land and b. Amended rules in OAR 141-125: Authorizing Special Uses on State-Owned Land

Director Walker gave an overview of item 2a and a slide was shared to show the locations of the sites.

The Department recommended that the Land Board adopt proposed rule, OAR 141-126, Administrative Rules for authorizing communication site facilities on state-owned land. If adopted, the proposed rules will go into effect immediately upon filing. It is anticipated the rules will be filed prior to January 1, 2025.

Treasurer Read asked why the rulemaking process took so long. Director Walker introduced Real Property Manager, Amber McKernan, who joined the meeting virtually, to answer the question. Amber stated that many things contributed to the long timeline, including lack of staff, and length and depth of public comments that were received in 2022 which required a significant amount of research and revisions to the rules, followed by another public comment period.

He then asked if there will be a regular schedule for reviewing fees going forward. Ms. McKernan responded that the fees in rule are set, and any changes would require additional rulemaking. Director Walker then stated that rules are required to be reviewed every 5 years and rate studies are done at that time. He then asked if there will be new sites to help with the increased need for leases. Mr. McKernan stated that yes, there is an increased need, and DSL is actively working to help with that.

Governor Kotek asked if the rates are locked in for the full 10-year lease. Ms. McKernan stated she believed there is an automatic 3% annual increase built into the lease Plus the CPI. Director Walker noted the terms under ORS 141-126-01510 (4) and (5).

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.

Treasurer Read seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:32 a.m. without objection.

Director Walker then gave an overview of item 2b. and recommended that the Land Board adopt amended rules in OAR 141-125: authorizing special uses on state-owned land.

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.

Treasurer Read seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:35 a.m. without objection.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Common School Fund Annual Report

Director Walker introduced Jamie McCreary and Louise Howard from Oregon State Treasury to present the report.

Treasury staff presented the annual report and provided the Board with a year-end summary for Fiscal Year 2024.

Governor Kotek and Treasurer Read thanked the team at Treasury for their work with the Common School Fund and this report.

Secretary Griffin-Valade also thanked them for the clarity of the report and making it easy to understand.

4. Aquatic Resource Management Annual Report

10:54 a.m.

Director Walker invited Deputy Director Bill Ryan to the table to present the report.

Deputy Director Ryan reviewed highlights of the annual report which provides summary information regarding the management of state-owned waterways for the 2024 Fiscal Year and fulfills the annual report requirements in the state's removal-fill law ORS 196-885.

Governor Kotek thanked DSL staff for their work on the report.

Treasurer Read stated that he would like to see continued efforts in protecting the Common School Fund from the cost of removing ADV's (abandoned & derelict vessels) and removal-fill fees.

Secretary Griffin-Valade thanked Deputy Director Ryan for the presentation.

Director Walker recognized staff for their continued work on the fee schedule.

5. Geologic Carbon Sequestration in Oregon

11:07 a.m.

Director Walker introduced Alex Lopez with DOGAMI who was joined by colleagues Sarah Lewis and Jason McClaughry to present this report.

Governor Kotek asked for clarification of the timeline that was presented and asked when the regulatory framework is expected to go out for public comment. Ms. Lewis stated that it is up to the Federal government (EPA) to decide the timeline and it will likely take 18-24 months. Governor Kotek stated that it seems if we could have concurrent conversations that run alongside each other to speed up the timeline.

Community and Tribal engagement will be headed by DOGAMI, along with agency and other external partners.

Governor Kotek then asked how long it will take to identify Common School properties that can be used. Mr. McClaughry stated that locations will be determined by the thickness of basalt units and proximity to industrial emitters of CO2. Once the geologic data is in a digital package, they will work with private and University partners to put a preliminary geologic model together and have fact-based decisions for the locations.

Treasurer Read asked whether, based on what DOGAMI knows now, which Common School Fund Lands would be the best location? Mr. McClaughry indicated it would be in the triangle between Hermiston, Boardman and Condon. Treasurer Read encouraged DOGAMI to start early on their tribal engagement. He also asked DOGAMI to speed up the timeline if they can.

Secretary Griffin-Valade stated that language needs to be easily understood by the public and those who may resist change.

6. Other

11:35 a.m.

- Budget overview and update on Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB)
- Undersea cable easement update: The Department submitted LC 289 that would give the Department rulemaking authority for application fees, renewal fees and compensation rates. A discussion was had about the timeline in the legislation and the need to move that up.
- Abandoned & Derelict Vessel Program update: Dredge Anderson, a 100-foot barge has been pulled from the waterway and is at Diversified Marine to deconstruction. The Department continues to apply for grant opportunities to help fund the program.

At the end of the meeting Governor Kotek thanked Secretary Griffin-Valade for serving on the Board and gave her a plaque as a parting gift for her final meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Vicki L. Walker, Director