

SOUTH SLOUGH RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
South Slough Interpretive Center
61907 Seven Devils Road - Charleston, Oregon

July 20, 2017

148th REGULAR MEETING 1:00-4:00 P.M.

I. Call-to-Order

II. Introductions

III. Review of the 147th regular meeting minutes

IV. Public Input*

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

1. New Hires – Bree
2. Younker Point Easement Application- Bree/Hannah
3. Coal Bank Slough Donation - Bree

VII. Presentations

1. Intern projects

VIII. Information Reports

1. Administration/Facilities
2. Education
3. Science

IX. Adjourn

*Limited to 5 minutes each unless arranged in advance of the meeting.

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**SOUTH SLOUGH NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

South Slough Reserve Interpretive Center Auditorium
Charleston, Oregon

Minutes of the 147th Regular Meeting
April 13, 2017

Commission members present:

Jim Paul, Chair

Lonne Mays

Trent Hatfield

Kris Wall

Dr. Alan Shanks

David Kronsteiner

Toni Ann Brend

South Slough NERR staff and others present:

Bree Yednock

Rebecca Muse

Stuart Love, ODFW

Kyle Marenger

Deborah Rudd

Hannah Schrager

Ed Oswald

John Bragg

Kathy Andreasen

Jenni Schmitt

Laura Mays, FOSS

Mike Allman

Eric Dean

Adam DeMarzo

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Jim Paul Director of the Department of State Lands and Chair of the Commission.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chair Paul asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Kronsteiner moved to approve and Commissioner Mays seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS

Fredrickson House

Hannah Schrager reported on the status of the Fredrickson House. She showed slides of the damaged house where several exterior walls came down during the last storm. Bree Yednock commented that the Reserve has no funds to renovate the old building. Ms. Schrager said that she has discussed the damage with the Fredrickson family and they will get first choice on what is still salvageable on the house. It was agreed that something should be put on the site to commemorate the family that lived there. Commissioner Shanks commented that the structure is a hazard. Ms. Muse said that staff is getting quotes for the demolition and maintenance has gated and fenced the area to close access. Chair Paul said there will be more updates to come.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Changes

Gary Cooper started a yearlong job rotation at DSL in Salem. Bree Yednock has been appointed Reserve acting manager from March 1 to February 2018. A dedication to Joy Tally from staff was included in the briefing packet for the Commission. Staff are reviewing applications for the education coordinator, lead scientist, and maintenance assistant positions.

Budget Update

The NOAA budget for fiscal year 2018 was discussed. The White House has proposed eliminating the NERRS funding for FY2018. The system will be operating under the 2016 continued resolution for the first half of fiscal year 2017 which will start July 1; however Federal budget cuts may affect the last six months of FY2017 funding for the NERRS. Chair Paul said that the Governor is aware of the proposed Federal budget cuts and how they may affect state agencies, in particular the SSNERR, but it is speculation at this time as to how potential budget shortfalls will be addressed.

Hunting Map

Hannah Schrager introduced Stuart Love, ODFW. The current hunting map was compared to the new draft hunting map handed out at the meeting. The new map was proposed by staff with assistance on the logistics from Stuart Love. Input from the Commission on the new draft was requested. The hunting map was discussed and Ms. Schrager agreed to include the suggested edits from the Commission and Ms. Yednock. Placing signage on the south end trails to report illegal hunting activity. Turn In Poachers (TIP) was recommended. The TIP program was instigated by the ODFW, and it is enforced by the Oregon State Police.

Commissioner Brend expressed concern regarding the Indian burial area located in the south end. She said she could call the Tribes to get the exact location. Commissioner Mays asked about target practice and Stuart Love replied that restrictions can be complicated and they vary in this area depending on the species. Chair Paul asked if the new hunting map would be more stringent than the prior version. It was questioned if there would be a public pushback on the new regulations given that the map is more stringent and Mr. Love said that he would expect public support for the new map.

Commissioner Kronsteiner moved to accept the new hunting map (attached) proposed by staff and Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Management Plan Update

There will be a federal registry notice filed on April 14, 2017 for the plan and for the lands acquired by the Reserve. Comments received at the public meeting on April 12, 2017 indicated a general consensus of approval. Staff will draft the comments and submit them to NOAA. The comments will be forwarded to the Management Commission per Commissioner Kronsteiner's request once they are compiled with comments received back from NOAA.

Winchester Parcel

Bree Yednock reported that the Reserve's plan to acquire the Winchester Parcel was not accomplished due to a lack of match. NOAA has encouraged staff to re-apply next year. The parcel needs a correct appraisal.

Volunteer Recognition

Deborah Rudd introduced the annual Management Commission formal recognition of the contributions of South Slough volunteers to the South Slough Reserve. Chair Paul thanked all of those who have participated in supporting the Reserve and its mission. Refreshments were provided after the meeting.

Information Reports

Staff shared highlights and progress within their program areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Paul adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.