

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of 2 new candidates to positions on the Regional Forest Practice Committees and the reappointment of 8 existing members on the Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each committee shall consist of nine members, a majority of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee should be qualified by education or experience in natural resource management and not less than two-thirds of the members of each committee shall be private landowners, private timber owners or authorized representatives of such landowners or timber owners who regularly engage in operations.

ORS 527.660 states “[E]ach forest practice committee shall review proposed forest practice rules in order to assist the Board in developing rules appropriate to the forest conditions within its region.” Regional committees have provided a forum for the public; at each meeting members of the public may participate and offer information and suggestions. The Private Forests Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three committees.

BACKGROUND

The last reappointments to the regional committees occurred in September 2015, January 2016 and March 2016. Historically, the regional committees have been set up with staggered terms so that only one-third of committee members come up for reappointment in a given year. This approach ensures continuity of committee work over time. The Department contacted recent committee members whose terms expire in 2016, regarding their interest in reappointment. Attachment 1 shows current members and their term expiration dates. The recommended expiration column shows the term expiration date set to maintain the historic staggered term approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends that the Board make the following new appointments:

Southwest Regional Committee:

Adam Stinnett	term expiring September 2018
Garrett Kleiner	term expiring September 2019

The department recommends that the Board make the following reappointments:

Northwest Regional Committee:

Mike Barnes	term expiring September 2019
Tally Patton	term expiring September 2019
Candace Bonner*	term expiring September 2019

Southwest Regional Committee:

Eric Farm	term expiring September 2019
Dave Erickson	term expiring September 2019

Eastern Regional Committee:

Lon Casebeer	term expiring September 2019
Paul Jones	term expiring September 2019
Joe Justice	term expiring September 2019

*Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Current Regional Forest Practice Committee Membership
- (2) Biographical Information for New Nominees to Regional Forest Practice Committees