

Hello Jenna,

Please share these comments with the Board and Staff for your meeting tomorrow. Thanks.

Dear Board of Forestry and Staff,

This represents a follow up to my previous letter and comments delivered at your last board meeting. Since much has transpired but virtually nothing relative to my very direct and specific question. How does our current economic situation (Lane country wood products/construction is 3-4% when 40 years ago it was 71%) reflect the mission statement and key of "greatest permanent value"?

Peter sent a 7 year old reference in board meeting notes that wasn't germane to my present question. Then I was told no staff would converse with me about anything and from now on I had to go through Ken Armstrong and/or through public information requests which might cost.

Hello... Is this the Board of Forestry which is accountable to the citizens of this state? Why is it that you CAN'T respond or defend your mission statement in light of present reality? And your silence speaks volumes of incompetence. This should be basic and self explanatory and instead it is 'confidential and costly to have it revealed'.

Another point to ponder is the lack of integration between two agencies who's missions are direct opposites. I'm speaking of OWEB (Oregon watershed enhancement board) and ODF. I was told an ODF representative hasn't been on the OWEB board now for over a year. Ignorance must be bliss. However where is the accountability, responsibility and liability? Instead we have two opposing agencies (of purpose) just doing business as usual and ignoring the mounting problems.

So I challenge you all to openly and honestly discuss these points and issues. I certainly would like to hear what you have to say, if there's anything of substance. If not, I will continue in the court of public opinion.

Regards,
Craig Patterson