

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

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

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each such committee shall consist of nine members, a majority of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee shall 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 2016. Historically, the regional committees have been set up with staggered terms so 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 2017, 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 the Board make the following new appointments:

Northwest Regional Committee:

Steve McNulty term expiring September 2020

Southwest Regional Committee:

Jacob Groves term expiring September 2020

Eastern Regional Committee:

Ed Fallon term expiring September 2019

The department recommends that the Board make the following reappointments:

Northwest Regional Committee:

Wendell Locke term expiring September 2020

Randy Silbernagel(p) term expiring September 2020

Southwest Regional Committee:

Dan Fugate term expiring September 2020

Dana Kjos term expiring September 2020

Eastern Regional Committee:

Stan Benson(p) term expiring September 2020

Lee Fledderjohan term expiring September 2020

Chris Johnson term expiring September 2020

(p) Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

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