

Agenda Item No.:	D
Work Plan:	Protection Division Work Plan
Topic:	Reappointment to Emergency Fire Cost Committee
Presentation Title:	Reappointment of current EFCC member
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the reappointment of Eric Kranzush to the Emergency Fire Committee (EFCC).

BACKGROUND

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 477.440 directs that the board *shall appoint an Emergency Fire Cost Committee for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section and ORS 477.445, 477.450, 477.455, 477.460, 477.755, 477.760, 477.770 and 477.775.*

EFCC members must be, or are representatives of, owners whose forestland or grazing land is being assessed for forest fire protection within a forest protection district. The table on Attachment 1 outlines other ORS 477.440 requirements related to the EFCC membership.

ORS 477.445 gives authority to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) to *oversee the distribution of funds from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund established under ORS 477.750, review expenditures from the fund, review budgets for forest protection districts and provide recommendations on the budgets to the State Board of Forestry and prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, distribute payments in their entirety as directed by the fiscal year budgets of forest protection districts to the State Forestry Department and forest protection districts.*

Eric Kranzush's first term began in September 2025. Eric served on the State Forester's "Fire 35" Committee, seeking durable and equitable funding for ODF's Protection Program which resulted in HB 3940 that passed during the 2025 legislative session. Eric has been instrumental in the ongoing development of a policy framework in multiple EFCC work groups since the passage of HB 3940. Eric is eager to continue serving on the EFCC. Eric's brief biography is in attachment 2.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board make the following reappointment.

- Reappoint Eric Kranzush to the EFCC with a term expiring at the end of September 2030.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Emergency Fire Cost Committee Membership current and proposed
2. Brief biography

EMERGENCY FIRE COST COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
September 9, 2026

	EFCC Member	Region*	Landowner*	Initial Term	Term
1	Brennan Garrelts	Southern	large forest	4-years	9/27/2025 - 9/30/2029
2	Kathryn VanNatta	Northwest	small forest	4-years	9/27/2025 - 9/30/2029
3	John Davis	Eastern	large forest	3-years	9/27/2025 - 9/30/2028
4	Bobby Corey		grazing	2-years	9/27/2025 - 9/30/2027
5	Eric Kranzush		at large	1-year	9/27/2025 - 9/30/2026
6	Non-voting BOF rep				
				Proposed Next Term	
5	<i>Eric Kranzush</i>		<i>At large</i>	<i>4-years</i>	<i>9/09/2026 – 9/30/2030</i>

* ORS Membership requirements

Current members

Brennan Garrelts, Chair

Southern Region

Coos, Douglas, and Southwest Oregon Forest Protective Associations

Vice President, Lone Rock Resources

Kathryn VanNatta

Northwest Region

Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association

Small forest landowner, representing all Oregon small woodland landowners.

John Davis

Eastern Region

Klamath-Lake Forest Protective Association

Vice President & General Manager, Mountain West Timberlands, Green Diamond Resource Company

Eric Kranzush

Western Oregon

Coos, DFPA and Western Lane Forest Protective Associations

Oregon Forestry Manager, Roseburg Resources – Western Regional Office

Bobby Corey

Northeast Oregon

Eastern Oregon Forest Protection Association

Owner, Cunningham Sheep Company

Heath Curtiss – BOF member – non-voting

Brief biography

Eric Kranzush currently serves as the Oregon Forestry Manager at Roseburg Resources, where he oversees the reforestation, stand management, and wildfire protection of nearly 400,000 acres of timberlands in Western Oregon. Roseburg Resources actively participates in fire protection within the Coos, Douglas, and Western Lane Forest Protective Associations.

For the past 23-years, Eric worked at Giustina Land & Timber Co, where he held various leadership roles within the Linn Forest Protective Association (LFPA), including multiple terms as President and Vice-President. He chaired the Plans & Studies Committee, overseeing the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of LFPA's motor pool and facilities projects. Eric also developed a robust understanding of local district fire protection budgets and advocated for operational efficiencies in Initial Attack systems.

He has represented LFPA on the Oregon Forest Industries Council Protection Committee and the Oregon Forest Protective Association. Currently, he serves on the ODF Headquarters Services Committee. Eric served on the State Forester's "Fire 35" Committee, seeking durable and equitable funding for ODF's Protection Program which resulted in HB 3940 that passed during the 2025 legislative session.

His advocacy and field experience include testifying on wildfire issues at the State Capitol, serving as a Landowner Representative and Resource Boss on numerous large wildfires, and extensive experience as a Burn Boss in prescribed fire operations. Eric holds a bachelor's degree in Forest Management from Oregon State University and an MBA from the University of Oregon. He is deeply committed to effective fire management and financial stewardship. His extensive experience in forest protection, budget management, and strategic planning aligns well with the responsibilities of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC).

Eric has been instrumental in developing a policy framework in multiple EFCC work groups since the passage of HB 3940. Eric is eager to continue with his contributions to the sustainability and resilience of Oregon's forestlands through his role on the EFCC.