

Agenda Item No. :	D
Work Plan:	Fire Protection
Topic:	Ongoing Topics, Appointment to Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC)
Presentation Title:	Appointment of Jacob Gibbs to EFCC
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend appointment of one candidate to a soon-to-be vacant position on the Emergency Fire Cost Committee.

BACKGROUND

ORS 477.440 directs that the Board “shall appoint an Emergency Fire Cost Committee consisting of four members, who shall be forest landowners or representatives of forest landowners whose forestland is being assessed for forest fire protection within a forest protection district. At least one member shall be selected from each forest region of the state.” “Members of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee shall be appointed by the board for four-year terms.”

ORS 477.445 gives authority to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) to “supervise and control the distribution of funds from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund”. The Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF), established by ORS 477.750, is used to equalize (reimburse) emergency fire suppression costs expended in protecting forestland statewide by forest protection districts, both state and association. The annual expenditure limit of the OFLPF is \$13.5 million – an amount that is reviewed by the Legislature every two years.

Pete Sikora has submitted his resignation from the Emergency Fire Cost Committee, effective at the close of the EFCC January 02, 2018 meeting. His term expired June, 2017 – he agreed to continue to serve until his successor was appointed. Mr. Sikora represents industrial woodland owners in Oregon’s northwest Oregon forest region on the EFCC.

We propose that Jacob Gibbs, President and CEO of Starker Forests, Inc. be appointed to the EFCC to a four-year term to expire January, 2022, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Pete Sikora.

Attachment 1 contains a list of current committee members; the position scheduled for reappointment is in bold type. Attachment 2 contains a brief biography on Mr. Gibbs.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board make the following appointment:

Appoint Jacob Gibbs to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee to a four-year term expiring the end of January, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Emergency Fire Cost Committee Membership
- (2) Biography – Jacob Gibbs