

Board of Forestry Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

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- (17) Handout, [Oral and Written Testimony by James for Committee for Family Forestlands Forest Dwelling Allowance Legislation](#), Agenda Item 7

In accordance with the provisions of ORS 526.016, a meeting of the Oregon Board of Forestry was held on March 6th, 2019 at the Oregon Department of Forestry Headquarters on 2600 State Street Salem, OR 97310.

Chair Imeson called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Joe Justice
 Jim Kelly
 Brenda McComb
 Mike Rose
 Tom Imeson

Absent:

Nils Christoffersen
 Cindy Deacon Williams

CONSENT AGENDA: Jim Kelly motioned for approval of the consent agenda. Joe Justice seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Tom Imeson, Joe Justice, Jim Kelly, Brenda McComb, and Mike Rose. Against: none. With Board consensus for Items A through D, these items were approved and motion carried.

A. January 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

Action: The Board approved minutes from the January 9, 2019 Board meeting.

B. BAKEOVEN-SHANIKO PROPOSED RFPA BOUNDARIES

Pursuant to ORS 477.320, to assist rural communities in southern Oregon and develop wildland fire protection coverage in areas that are currently unprotected. Bakeoven-Shaniko is being brought into Oregon Protection System and expanded the Rangeland Protection Association boundary in Wasco County.

Action: Approve the inclusion of rangeland in portions of south Wasco County into a rangeland protection association and direct the Department to assist with the formation of the Bakeoven-Shaniko Rangeland Protection Association, pursuant to ORS 477.320.

C. FOREST PRACTICE ANNUAL RULE REVIEW MEETING REPORT

The report described the 2017 annual meetings conducted by the State Forester, to ensure proper coordination among state agencies with interest in the forest practice rule sufficiency and environment.

Information only.

D. STATE FORESTER’S FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORT

Annual review of the State Foresters’ travel expense and leave usage transactions.

Action: Approve the travel expense transactions and the leave usage transactions submitted by State Forester, Peter Daugherty, for Fiscal Year 2018, as summarized in Attachment 1, State Forester's Travel Claims Summary, and Attachment 2, State Forester’s Leave Usage Summary.

ACTION AND INFORMATION:

1. STATE FORESTER, BOARD MEMBER, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Chair Imeson commented on:

- Public Meeting will be live streamed.
- Executive Session is scheduled.
- Public comment open for each topic, and not to exceed 30 minutes.
- Apologized for overrun of previous meeting scheduled topics. Committed to maintain schedule with more oversight.

State Forester Daugherty commented on:

- The passing of Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, and asked for a moment of silence to honor his dedicated public service.
- Explained how the Wildfire Response Council was created, outlined the goals and the topics to be discussed by the council members. Described the subcommittee structure that contributes to the council’s work and how each committee will have the opportunity to work together in areas of mitigation, suppression, and recovery.
- Reported on the Cultivating Change Foundation formation, mission and annual summit to celebrate the diversity that LGBTQ individuals bring to the agricultural and forest industries.
- Shared the recent Department efforts as the Legislative session for 2019 convened. Reviewed the informational hearings, the Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee presentations, and Legislator orientation to the agency’s core business areas.
- Discussed the process for the renewal of the wildfire insurance policy with Lloyds of London for the Department’s Fire Fighting program. Noted support from the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) and the Ways and Means Senate co-chairs to purchase the policy.
- Reviewed the Shared Stewardship strategy developed by Secretary of Agriculture and its core elements, as well as described the flexibility States gain in prioritizing and implementing active forest management. Provided an overview of the Department and US Forest Service (USFS) collaborative efforts, stating an agreement to define the principles each organization will operate under is forthcoming. Explained how Oregon is developing themes to guide strategic priorities and investments, as well as focusing on outcome-based performance measures to assess progress under shared stewardship. Stated that Oregon is close to utilizing this strategy thanks to the great work under the Federal Forest Restoration Program and from the strong network of local collaborative groups.

Board Member Comment: None.

Public Testimony:

- Raymond Monroe from Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District (TCSWCD) provided oral testimony to the Board. Outlined the TCSWCD program funding, project goals, and collaborative partnerships they maintain. Expressed the parallel pursuits between resource management plans implemented by the Department with the District's mission. He listed the spectrum of educational and community projects funded by TCSWCD and reminded the Board working lands are essential for agricultural and forest communities.
- Mary Scurlock from the Oregon Stream Protection Coalition (OSPC) provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 1](#)) to the Board on debris torrent streams and approval of alternate practices on steep, erosion-prone slopes. She provided background on each topic, reviewed the OSPC Siletz Analysis summary, addressed a need for monitoring resources to improve identification of Type N streams, and asked for Board oversight on approved alternate practices in the Siletz Basin. Noted the potential alignment of the Department's spring monitoring efforts with the Western Oregon Wood project.
- Jason Gonzales from Oregon Wild provided oral testimony to the Board on the FERNS database issues expressed by users. Asked the Department to consider separating county-wide roadside and backpack notifications from aerial herbicide spraying notifications.
- Clair Klock from Multnomah County provided oral testimony to the Board on forest planning in the Cascades. He noted observations of early successional forests are disproportioned to later succession forests on a total landscape basis. Advocated thinning for forest management, forest health and fire protection purposes.
- Teresa Bird from the Spray Free Coast Coalition provided written testimony ([attachment 2](#)) to the Board that recapped a FERN improvement meeting the Department had with many coastal community stakeholders. The Department determined 10 systems improvements can be made annually due to funding and the coalition presented the top five that are priorities for the coastal communities.
- Carolyn Eady provided written testimony ([attachment 3](#)) to the Board, alleging Oregon forestland management and practices are accelerating climate disruption. Commented that limited liability corporations (LLC) principally own forestland and described the detrimental outcomes of their agricultural or logging practices. Asked the Board to consider recommendations listed in her September 5, 2018 testimony.

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2. COLLEGE OF FORESTRY DEAN'S RESEARCH INITIATIVE: THE OREGON MARBLED MURRELET UPDATE

[Listen to audio](#) MP3 – (45 minutes and 56 seconds – 15.7 MB)
Presentation ([attachment 4](#))

Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief introduced the presenters that will provide a summary and update of Oregon State University (OSU) Dean's Research Initiative on the Oregon Marbled Murrelet project.

Geoff Huntington, Director of Strategic Initiative, introduced the OSU College of Forestry Dean's Research Initiative program, described the scale and scope of the program's studies. He commented on the science team's diverse expertise, the formation of a scientific advisory committee and project advisory committee to ensure scientific credibility and relevance of the marbled murrelets study. He noted how this study fits within the college's Institute for Working Forest Landscapes (IWFL) mission. Huntington explained how initiatives are established with a specific framework, and with guidance from the college's oversight board on research project development.

Dr. Jim Rivers, lead on the Oregon marbled murrelet project, provided an overview of the [presentation](#) and began familiarizing the Board with the seabird species by describing its habitat distribution. He explained how the seabird relies on the ocean for foraging, and types of food consumed. Commented that life expectancy and reproduction rates are not well documented, but belongs to a family who characteristically are long-lived and population recruitment is slow. Rivers highlighted how unique the seabird species is by traveling long distances inland to nest, selecting large limbed trees for nesting platforms. He explained how critical nesting data is for murrelet recovery. This data helps researchers understand where the species' nest and identify the mortality agents that may impact nest sites. Rivers reviewed the intent behind the study, the associated goals of the long-term research initiative, and tracking efforts to better understand the species nesting habitat in coastal forests.

Rivers listed the study's objectives.

- Landscape-level modeling of murrelets and their key nest predators
- Pilot study testing the role of social attraction in murrelets habitat selection
- Intensive demographic monitoring to quantify reproductive success
- Collection of individual level data on health parameters

Rivers commented on the main challenge of the research study is to locate the seabird's nesting sites. He stated the field work begins on the sea during mating season. Rivers explained the process of capturing the birds on the water versus attempting on land, then how each bird is morphological measured, examined and tagged if healthy. He reviewed the types of tags, application of tags, and location tracking of tags. Rivers stated field technicians are on the ground conducting telemetry tracking along the Oregon coast, observing visual or sound cues, as the bird flies from the marine to the terrestrial habitats. He commented that murrelets share incubation duties and nesting sites are located when the exchange of two birds are observed. The technicians then move inland to track birds to their nest sites.

Rivers shared the results from the previous seasons. For 2017, no inland nesting sites were located, and some tagged birds traveled up to 350 miles north or south moving through multiple surveyed sea zones, potentially influencing population counts. In 2018, eight inland nesting sites were located from sample size, a 28% increase in the total number of known nests in Oregon. He stated this increase does not represent a significant sample of the species' population. Observed new nest predators and species' tree selection for nests. Recommended additional population monitoring across all survey zones be considered to account for the large at-sea movements.

Rivers recognized the influences on the study, ocean conditions and limitations of researching capacity and funding of the study beyond Oregon. He plans to tap into oceanographers' efforts and knowledge of oceanic conditions as they move forward on this project. The study has not yet assessed the impact of forest management on the species predation vulnerability, nesting sites permanency, or incubation and

reproduction success. Rivers closed by listing the next steps of the project and briefly described the short-term versus long-term goals.

Board discussion followed the presentation on the Oregon Marbled Murrelet Update.

- Reviewed the range of the seabird inland travel from marine to terrestrial habitats, the frequency of foraging and type of food foraged when the seabird is raising nestlings.
- Murrelet nests observed in different habitats, like cliff sides and in various species of trees in other regions.
- Listed events that contributed to nest failures in 2018. During nestling period, one predation event and parent abandonment event observed, where the three remaining failures were during the incubation period. No corvid nest predation was observed.
- Described the capture process and limitations of their USFWS permit. Explained why the number of birds captured is more than the number that are tagged which is also more than number of nests found. Explained there is no method to predict, at time of capture, the bird's likelihood to breed. Mentioned other murrelet studies observed low breeding propensity in tagged birds, but additional testing needs to be done. Age of birds is assessed on capture date and if the bird is recaptured they use the original capture date as a minimum age. Determining individual bird age is difficult, unless there is a large and static seabird population to extrapolate data from.
- Confirmed the best interval and time of year to brief the Board on the murrelet long-term study. An annual review in winter was recommended. Reporting to the Board is part of the college's statewide public services budget, which supports agricultural and forestry extension programs, as well as our forest research lab.

Public Testimony:

- Seth Barnes from Oregon Forest & Industries Council (OFIC) provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 5](#)) to the Board on the OSU Oregon Marbled Murrelet Update. Urged to the Board to take a measured approach when assessing the data being presented over time.
- Megan Tuttle from Weyerhaeuser provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 6](#)) to the Board on the OSU Oregon Marbled Murrelet Update. Asked the Board to recognize the USFWS federal recovery plan measures when considering future decisions regarding murrelet resource site protection rules and proceeded to list four measures. Posed whether resource site protection rules are necessary on private lands.
- Dick Beers provided written testimony ([attachment 7](#)) to the Board on forestland rule restrictions. Asked Board to consider the repercussions, if rules are promulgated to restrict use of land and has an impact on the landowners' financial viability.

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3. 2018 FOREST PRACTICES OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS
[Listen to audio](#) MP3 - (29 minutes and 34 seconds – 10.1 MB)
ODF Presentation ([attachment 8](#))

Board Chair Imeson introduced the Operator of the Year presenters and explained why the Board acknowledges operators excellence each year.

Josh Barnard, Private Forests Field Support Manager, provided an overview of the Operator of the Year award program process. He then introduced the presenter for the recognition program.

Kirk Ausland, Private Forests Stewardship Forester, outlined the Division's [presentation](#) and reviewed the recognition program's goals. He explained the background and intent behind the goals, then moved onto describing the nomination process. Ausland stated that nominations can come from anyone, but the nominees must meet five standard criteria in exceeding natural resource protection requirements. He defined and listed each criteria: consistency, difficulty, results, innovation and extra effort, as well as financial risk to operator.

Ausland reviewed the selection and evaluation process for each nominated operator. He commented on the Department's goal in recognizing quality forest practices while educating the public on the Forest Practices Act (FPA) and how it works within the forest industry. Explained how the Department works with various outlets to disseminate the recognition of operator's meritorious work and regional operator of the year achievements. Ausland listed the three operators who received merit awards:

- Tanzey Forest Improvement of Wallowa
- Dave Harmon Logging of Keno
- Gwin & Sons Logging of Vernonia

Ausland celebrated each Operator of the Year winner, by providing a brief description of each winner's achievements, before playing a video of the operator in action. Each narrated video showed the operator's harvesting processes and shared the reason for the nomination. The video provided each operator the opportunity to explain how they balance efforts in logging, field work, slash clean-up, and stream buffer conservation.

- B & M Timber LLC for the Eastern Oregon Region ([video](#))
- J. M. Browning Logging Incorporated for the Northwest Oregon Region ([video](#))
- Dave Wilkerson Logging LLC for the Southwest Oregon Region ([video](#))

State Forester Daugherty thanked the Operators of the Year for their exemplary work. Board Chair and State Forester presented each operator an award. The operators shared a few words to express their appreciation of the relationships built with the Department, and gratitude for the Board in recognizing their team's work. Chair Imeson commented on the celebration's importance of acknowledging the care and dedication operators demonstrate. State Forester stated that the Board supports voluntary measures undertaken by industry professionals, and this is how they applaud a job well done.

Public Testimony: None

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Break.

4. FOREST TRUST LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY
[Listen to audio](#) MP3 - (36 minutes and 11 seconds – 16.5 MB)
Handout ([attachment 9](#))

John Sweet from Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) provided oral and written testimony to the Board regarding the Forest Management Plan (FMP) update. He stated trust counties require more developed strategies and metrics to evaluate the Department's proposed FMP. Commented that county revenues would be far below projections, if produced under an alternative forest management approach. Urged the Department to consider a departure harvest schedule to re-balance age class distributions. Encouraged by the Department's attention to restoring forests with long-standing health problems and asked that FTLAC be invited to the table when conceptualizing restoration planning. Pleased with the Department's regional approach when setting habitat objectives and recommends trust lands to not be managed to supplement habitat deficits on adjacent lands. Reviewed county public services that rely on timber revenues and jobs that are generated from trust lands. Stated the importance of the Department partnership with FTLAC as a solid strategy is being developed with appropriate specificity, probable harvest volume forecasting and revenue projection.

Public Testimony:

- Paul Erlebach, Superintendent of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District, provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 10](#)) to the Board regarding the FMP update. He presented a snapshot of the coastal school district's academic history and explained how the district depends upon timber revenue to maintain funding for the public school services. Described the fluctuation of school budgets, and the arduous task in planning the district's long-term goals when funding levels are unknown and limited resources are available for financing public schools. Urged the Board to take appropriate steps to ensure an equitable management plan is considered that will meet the social, conservational, and financial needs of small Oregon communities.

Board commented on the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee Testimony.

- Congratulated the Neah-Kah-Nie superintendent on the school's academic excellence.

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5. FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT
[Listen to audio](#) MP3 - (One hour, 59 minutes and 26 seconds – 41 MB)
Presentation ([attachment 11](#))

Chair Imeson provided the framework for the topic's presentation, invited testimony, public testimony, Board member discussion and staff response to questions.

Liz Dent, State Forests Division Chief, provided an overview of the Division's [presentation](#), reviewed what was presented in draft form to the Board, listed the Board requested items for the proposed Forest Management Plan (FMP) and credited the staff work required to produce the information to the Board.

Dent reviewed the first two barriers, climate change and clarity between competing objectives. She reviewed how the Division integrated the climate change concept with the FMP guiding principles. Stated the concept is a foundational piece of the proposed revision and commented on how it is an important component for mitigation or adaptation in the FMP. Dent explained how the current FMP has competing objectives between the development of habitat and generation of revenue from harvest. The proposed FMP would bring more clarity to tradeoffs with the inclusion of a guide for harvest objectives that is adaptive to the region and changing landscape goals.

Mike Totey, West Oregon District Forester, presented on the remaining barriers under structure-based management and reviewed the potential solutions a proposed FMP revision could offer. He stated the forest stand classifications have discrete definitions and criteria to meet, and that a stand may be providing high-quality habitat even if it does not quite meet the discrete criteria. Explained the targets for structure types are set at the district level, which generally does not consider regional context and could be an inefficient use of resources in maintaining a functional landscape. Totey noted that seral stages are a better-suited approach to reach habitat goals, as shifting priorities change with the development of habitat definitions and components change in a forest growth continuum. Totey discussed the importance to provide sufficient flexibility in the plan to address needs across a broad geographic area. He commented that structure-based management strategies are not well-suited to address forest restoration long-term needs, and by providing a guide to improve overall forest health may increase financial and conservation outcomes. Totey spoke to the shifting mosaic concept as the cornerstone to the current FMP, but does not work effectively with take-avoidance strategies and a transition to more durable conservation outcomes would be more beneficial.

Dent stated the proposed FMP revision began in 2012 and described how Board requests have been incorporated over time. She explained the intent behind adding measurable outcomes to the FMP and listed the potential benefits for the Department and the Board. Dent cautioned that a plan anchored by prescriptive management techniques can be difficult to modify, and reminded the Board that the FMP is an Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR). Dent described the overarching vision of the current plan. She commented on how the revision is similar to the current plan with goals outlined by the Greatest Permanent Value (GPV) mandate and with an integrated approach using adaptive management. She stated that adaptive management has been a challenge in the past due to the Department's reliance on the timber market, and how the Division is examining their approach to adaptive management in light of the fluctuating financial and market conditions. Dent listed the existing four key concepts and how adding three new key concepts would impact the plan's vision. She highlighted five key components of the revised plan's vision that would enhance various FMP objectives.

Board commented on Forest Management Plan Project presentation:

- Reviewed the habitat and harvest modeling used to estimate harvest projections, and the Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS) growth and yield modeling for forest development. Under the proposed FMP revision, an estimated 60 to 80 rotation age. Reviewed definition of habitat as it pertains to the current FMP is more in line with forest structural conditions.
- Reviewed how harvest objectives are assessed, either for habitat improvement or timber productivity and how this assessment leads to a restoration plan.

Brian Pew, State Forests Division Deputy Chief, reviewed the Board's financial metric request for the Division's revenue and expenditures. He highlighted the actual versus predicted revenues. The graph presented the Department's expenses and revenue, and the county revenue with total revenue. Pew stated the trending down lines is a reflection of the decrease of the harvest over the next four years. He commented marketing and sales strategies are changing, and the Division is making business improvements to maximize sales each year to offset the Department's expenditures. Pew reviewed the Forest Development Fund (FDF) balance projections for the next four years. Pew stated the Division is not fully implementing the FMP and is operating at a level two implementation. He defined each fund level as outlined by legal and contractual FMP mandates. Pew explained that even at a reduced implementation, the Division had several years of deficit spending. He stated the Division is projected to

withstand and potentially thrive in the next few years, which has allowed the Department to invest back into the forest to meet GPV goals. Pew acknowledged the Division's hard work to adapt the organization and business practices to meet financial viability with the current plan.

Invited Testimony:

- Bob Van Dyk provided oral and written testimony in a form of a presentation ([attachment 12](#)) to the Board on the FMP project. He identified issues with the Division's staff report. Stated the report lacked evidence, specifics and clear explanations. Reviewed the Division's graphs, listing the helpful metrics and raised the financial challenges of the FDF. Addressed the need for flexible planning, reinforced need by providing an example of the Department's implementation and discretion over the Astoria district. Asked the Board to include more processed base requirements and for a scientific or third-party review to be conducted.
- Scott Gray from Stimson Lumber Company provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 13](#)) to the Board on the FMP project. He recommended to the Department to form a working group to focus on the restoration of Swiss Needle Cast and mature alder stands. Stated as the stands are identified, they should be categorized in a financial matrix by district. Offered the company's expertise to help ODF with cost estimates, operational or reforestation challenges.
- Rex Storm from Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 14](#)) to the Board on the FMP project. He encouraged the continuing revision of the FMP. Recommend the Board and Department to strengthen the Western Oregon State Forest plan vision, guiding principles, and proposed metrics. Stated support for a plan under a take-avoidance strategy using adaptive management and the inclusion of climate carbon guiding principle. Expressed concerns for the Division's Forest Development Fund balance.
- Seth Barnes from Oregon Forest & Industries Council (OFIC) provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 15](#)) to the Board on the FMP project. He stated support to further the development of a new FMP. Discussed climate change and how forestry is the solution. He provided a narrative to illustrate the climate change issue and its impacts on industry workers.

Public Testimony:

- Jason Gonzalez from Oregon Wild provided oral testimony to the Board on the FMP project. He commented on the value in surveying the public users of state lands. Expressed concern for the use of herbicide on public forestland, and urged in the plan revision to consider enhancing communication and transparency on chemicals use. Shared the Global Warming Commission's report on carbon loss with harvests and carbon sequestration in forestlands.
- Kathleen Sullivan, Clatsop County Commissioner, provided oral testimony to the Board on the FMP project. Stated Clatsop County has rejoined FTLAC. She shared the county's support in building revenue, jobs and local industries. She also stated support for the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and for a revised plan that reflects Oregon values. Sullivan celebrated the Operators, and thanked the Board for integrating climate change with the plan.
- Bob Rees from the Association of NW Steelheaders and Board member from the NW Guides and Anglers Association, provided oral testimony to the Board on the FMP project. He shared how Oregon Rivers are failing to meet temperature standards for the spawning and rearing of salmonids, which impact fish runs. Listed concerns with the proposed FMP revisions. He asked for better clarification and viable benefits of the plan. Supported the HCP process.
- Carolyn Eady provided written testimony ([attachment 16](#)) to the Board on the FMP project. She expressed concerns with the Forest plan project and listed areas of concern that require further

explanation. Urged the Board to engage the public and partner agencies to review proposed FMP revisions prior to any rulemaking efforts.

Board discussion from the presentation on the Forest Management Plan project.

- Considered addressing alder stands with long-term forest management planning, the outcome of healthy forests may lead to more carbon sequestration and increase forest values.
- Emphasized the need for more contextual information to be presented to the Board and public, to better understand what the current plan offers compared to what a new plan may offer.

Board Member McComb made a motion for the Department to provide the Board information projected over a 20-year harvest plan:

- Timber volume,
- Cost of implementation at each implementation level,
- Acreage and distribution of each structural class,
- Acreage and distribution of habitat for each of the T&E species in the area, with FVS and carbon included.

Board discussion followed the motion.

- Discussion on the time needed to gather and evaluate data. The Division reviewed the planning history, the current process, how Board direction impacts the planning process and the challenges of decision points. The Division agreed with the importance of the data requested and the value of comparative data, but they would require time to gather a response to the motion.
- Board member Kelly provided a second for the motion and discussed the need for the motion.
- State Forester provided the background of the plan's conception and implementation. He remarked on the challenges in agreeing to principles or strategies without clear outcomes. The State Forester mentioned an option to move forward in drafting a revised plan, compare current and revised plan, and report out which plan is better to the Board.
- Board Chair provided historical context behind the FMP revision inception. He described how an assessing of State Forest's financial viability was commissioned and the Board actions that followed. He offered his thoughts on the proposed motion and provided the reason for voting against the motion.
- The Division commented on how the proposed motion will affect the development of the HCP and FMP work. The Board posed the option to abandon FMP efforts and focus on the HCP to provide capacity to the Division. The Division asked for time to respond to the question posed.
- Board member Justice recalled the past vote, which passed motions to move forward with both of the processes, and stated discomfort if the Board opts to change direction.

Board Chair called for a vote on the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Brenda McComb and Jim Kelly. Voting against the motion: Joe Justice and Tom Imeson. Motion did not carry.

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6. COMMITTEE FOR FAMILY FORESTLANDS: FOREST DWELLING ALLOWANCE LEGISLATION

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Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Division Deputy Chief, provided a brief introduction to the Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) presenters of the Legislative concept on succession planning for forestland management and maintenance.

Evan Barnes, CFF Chair, provided a background and scope of family forestlands goals with the introduced legislation. He described the succession family planning for long-term forest management, timber tree farming and fire protection, up to suppression. He identified as the southern Oregon land representative on the committee.

Bonnie Shoemaker, northwest Oregon representative of the CFF, and president of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association. She provided history on land use laws for forestlands, and reviewed context behind the CFF continuity efforts. She listed working forestland benefits, and identified the issues private landowners are currently experiencing. Shoemaker explained how the legislative concept as introduced in House Bill (HB) 2469 allows landowners to build a second family dwelling to aid in the intergenerational transfer of land use, forest management and fire protection knowledge. She addressed the smaller woodland parcels in the wildland urban interface are more vulnerable to development, but the accessibility allows family members to pursue a career while learning forest management. She then outlined the bill's conditions for a build of a second dwelling.

Jim James, Executive Director for the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), stated OSWA sponsored HB 2469 in the 2019 Regular Legislative Session, and explained the bill's purpose with overall goal. James reviewed the bill's definitions, second dwelling footprint, and family requirements. He commented the scripted bill hopes to prevent the conversion of forestland to other uses.

Meriel Darzen, Staff Attorney for 1000 Friends of Oregon, provided history on the non-profit organization, then discussed the organization's role with CFF and OSWA in advocating for HB 2469. She provided a big picture on succession planning for active agriculture and forestlands. Reviewed potential tools to assist with succession planning goals. Darzen shared challenges behind land use law changes. She described the existing forest template dwelling under current land use laws, stating this dwelling entitlement does not consider active forestlands and template replacement is not easily achieved in legislature. Darzen closed by inviting input on the practice of succession and intergenerational transitions on working forestlands, as the groups continue to explore the concept.

Barnes closed the [oral presentation](#) with a recommendation to review the wildland report published by 1000 Friends of Oregon and gratitude for the collaborative efforts of all groups involved in supporting this concept. Urged the Board to consider CFF as the research arm for any family forestland issue.

Board commented on the Committee for Family Forestlands Forest Dwelling Allowance concept.

- Concerned with second dwelling being misused to generate extra revenue for sale or renting.
- Succession planning and acreage production may need to be combined goals. The number of active forestland acreage to be defined in rulemaking, along with maintenance parameters.
- Consideration to include prevention, conservation and timber management factors in concept.
- Unlikelihood for the forestland classification to be changed to another type of classification.
- Encouragement for CFF to continue refining the concept with the established partnerships.

Public Testimony:

- Jim James from Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 17](#)) to the Board on eligibility for a second dwelling under HB 2469 and described the factors that influenced the bill's language.

Information Only.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Imeson proceeded with the formal Executive Session announcement.

The Board of Forestry entered into Executive Session for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding the Board's legal rights and duties in regards to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed [ORS 192.6600(2)(h)].

No decisions were made during Executive Session. The Board exited the Executive Session and reconvened meeting.

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With no further business before the Board, Chair Imeson adjourned the public meeting at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Peter Daugherty



Peter Daugherty, State Forester and
Secretary to the Board

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Meeting Minutes Approved at the April 24, 2019 Board Meeting.