

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDUSTRIES**

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008
PORTLAND STATE OFFICE BUILDING, SUITE 965
TELECONFERENCE

1) Call to Order:

By teleconference, Chair Donald Haagensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2) Introductions: (Don Haagensen, Board Chairperson and staff)

Present by phone were Board Members Don Haagensen, Steve Macnab, Barbara Seymour and Larry Givens, as well as DOGAMI Assistant Director Gary Lynch. Present in person were DOGAMI Director Vicki McConnell, Assistant Director Don Lewis, Acting Business Manager Tove Larsen, and Administrative Assistant Carol DuVernois. There were no members of the public in attendance.

3) Board Review and Adoption of DRAFT Agency Request Budget:

(Board) *Action Item*

The Board reviewed the draft Agency Request Budget (ARB) document prior to the meeting. McConnell briefly outlined budget process and the Policy Option Packages (POP) in the ARB. Don Lewis summarized two of the tables included in the ARB, which were updated versions of the tables presented at the previous Board meeting.

Macnab and Haagensen expressed concern with the mandatory 10% reduction presented in the document. McConnell and Lewis explained that this is a standard part of every ARB. They clarified the reasoning behind the decision to include the field office closure in the reduction options. Other options were raised, including elimination of staff, consolidation of field offices, and not filling vacant positions. After much discussion, it was decided to re-order the paragraphs explaining the rank and justification of the field office elimination item.

Lynch explained the Geothermal POP, which asks for a clerical person. There was a question of its importance, and Lynch explained that MLRR has added three large programs to its office, the Oil & Gas, Stormwater, and Geothermal programs, without adding any clerical help. This POP would free up the professional staff that is now bogged down with paperwork.

Motion: Steve Macnab moved to approve the Agency Request Budget with the above noted modification. Larry Givens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Update on Agency Rule Making

Gary Lynch updated the Board on the status of rulemaking for ORS Chapter 517 (Mining and Mining Claims) and ORS Chapter 520 (Conservation of Oil and Gas). He noted that the Rules Advisory Committee

29 will be meeting soon, and a public hearing will be scheduled. AAG Larry
30 Knudsen has the draft rules and the Board will get the updated rules when
31 they are available.

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33 **5) Additional Public Comment:** There was no public comment

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35 **6) Adjourn**

36 The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

APPROVED:

Don Haagensen, Chair

Steve Macnab, Vice Chair

Barbara Seymour

Larry Givens

Charles Vars