



## Committee for Family Forestlands Meeting Summary for November 17th, 2022



*Under public notice made by news release with statewide distribution, a meeting of the Committee for Family Forestlands [an advisory body to the Oregon Board of Forestry with authority established in Oregon Revised Statute 527.650] was convened on November 17th, 2022, as a hybrid meeting. Meeting recordings constitute the official record.*

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**CFF Committee members participating:**

Wendy Gerlach, Citizen-At-Large (Voting)  
Kate McMichael, Landowner-At-Large Rep. (Voting)  
Rick Zenn, OSWA Executive Administrator (Ex-Officio)  
Gary Jensen, Southern Oregon Landowner Rep. (Voting)  
Glenn Ahrens, OSU College of Forestry Ext. (Ex-Officio)  
Kaola Swanson, Conservation Rep. (Voting)

**ODF Staff attending:**

Mike Kroon, Interim Deputy Chief, All Lands  
Heather Hendersen, Administrative Specialist  
Jessie Ebert, Implementation Support Manager  
Nate Agalzoff, Incentives Coordinator  
Tim Hoffman, Public Information Specialist  
Miriam Miller, Administrative Specialist  
Arden Guinn, Forest Roads Inventory and Assessment  
Josh Hanson, Sfish Coordinator  
Rebecca Bodnar, Adaptive Management, Training, and Enforcement Manager

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**Members not in attendance:**

S. Mark Vroman, Industry Rep. Hampton Family Forests (Voting)  
Julie Woodward, OFRI (Ex-Officio)  
Maurizio Valerio, EO Landowner Rep. (Voting)  
Amanda Astor, Forest Policy Manager AOL (Ex-Officio)

**Guests/Public:**

Theresa Hausser  
Russ Glascock, Landowner in Lincoln County  
Steve Downs, Landowner in Clatsop County  
Randy Knop, Turcotte Consulting, Inc.

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**Chair Comments.**

- Chair Gerlach calls the meeting to order.
- Recognized a quorum was established.
- Asks for comments on the agenda/meeting minutes.
  - o Mike asks for an addition of discussing future meetings in the Round Table.
- Asks for public comment
- Moved on to chair updates.

**Division update.**

- Update on hiring and where we are at with that.
- Russ Glascock provides comment on Measure 49 and the Private Forest Accord changes coming. Requests that direct communication with landowners happen.
- District Tours happening to help get everyone on the same page and working together.
- National Association of State Foresters would like to do a national recognition of the NRCS work.
- Wendy asks what most of the NRCS work in Oregon focuses on, would be interested in how that fits in with the new Riparian Rules under the accord.

**Introduction/Small Forestland Owner Office Update.**

- Goal to create a website to be a one stop shop. Proposal to committee is if a draft page is created, shooting for some time in January, would the committee members beta test to see if it covers what is needed, easy to use/understand, or if additional things are needed to best assist the Small Forest Landowners. If interested email Heather Hendersen.
- Glenn Ahrens asks where training about the SFO Office and FPA lands is in the timeline. Bigger question is where OSU Extension gets involved. Must be done by December if it is to be listed in the Tree School catalog.

### **Seedling Update.**

- Out of response to the 2020 fires this program was created to try to get some plant material going to landowners who would need them.
- Primary focus for the fire footprint was landowners west of the Cascades.
- Seedlings went out in February/March of 2022.
- Just shy of 2030 trees went out.
- New strategy has been implemented including capacity grants being issued to nurseries. Most of the cost will be covered under these new rules/grants. Going forward landowner will pay 10% of the total cost vs previously when they paid the full amount for the seedlings.
- The disaster relief package adds \$5.85 million to assist with re-forestation. \$5.1 million will go to Eastern Oregon area. This will assist with equipment, sowing seeds, etc. There is a 5-year timeframe with these funds to accomplish all the goals set.
- Kate mentions that the program is really confusing as a small landowner. A lot of folks went and purchased their own due to communication issues. Clearer details on where to go/details on what all is covered due to all the costs involved.
- Glenn adds additional comments about the confusion, especially involving availability. Once the website goes live it may clear up some confusion but until then how do we communicate this and get this to the people who need the information?
- Wendy asks how do the grants for the nurseries flow through to small forestland owners?
- Theresa Hausser asks about any information on survival rate.

### **NW Landowner CFF Position.**

- Wendy mentions that Scott Hayes is interested. After asking for discussion members of the committee agree he would be a good choice.
- Kate mentions that there were two individuals who showed interest with her.
- Wendy asks for a vote; Gary seconds the motion. Wendy, Kaola, Gary, and Kate all vote aye and the motion passes to proceed with putting Scott Hays forward as the new NW Landowner, for Board of Forestry appointment.

### **BOF Update/Update to Changes to FPA.**

- Mike makes note that there are two HCPs so to be sure that you are aware which is being discussed.
- FPA HCP Draft should be in place by December 30<sup>th</sup>. The actual HCP should be in place by January 2027.
- Rick mentions the disproportionate impact section and that it's nice to see that they are looking into this.
- Change to the messaging with the Forest Practices Act and Private Forest Accord to eliminate some confusion happening.
- Training program being put into place for 2023 for foresters.
- Training for operators/landowners will follow. Tentatively planned for May of 2023.
- Disproportionate impacts group is being created to discuss what the impacts are/what it means to help resolve the process prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023.
- Rick mentions something brought up on the Board of Forestry meeting on how to identify those effected by the Disproportionate Impacts.
- Mike provides information on Senate Bill 1501 which speaks on Just Compensation Law.
- Gary asks, "What does that mean for who owns the trees?" "Does it restrict access, or does it take access?"
- Glenn asks if there will be clarification/answers to these questions with Measure 49 for landowners that see significant loss. Where do we go for those answers?
- Mike proposes to refer to Department of Justice for answers on these matters.
- Wendy suggests that answers to these questions be well communicated to the community vs multiple individual requests.

- Kaola adds in making sure there is a way for the landowners to calculate on their own/how to adapt/address on going concerns, where can landowners go to have these addressed?
- Kate adds question on if there will be additional credit based on the variables involved with the rules based on harvest.
- Kaola adds providing case studies to give a real-life example of what it will look like.
- Family Forest Convention, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 in Estacada, would be a good time to discuss these issues.

#### **Round Table.**

- Mike suggests limiting CFF meetings to match the Board of Forestry meetings in January, March, June, and September. This will allow furthermore in-depth topics/updates.
- Kaola mentions field trips for these meetings.
- Kate asks if this would give enough time to bring topics to the Board if needed.
- Possible suggestion to have Ben Deumling in on the meetings in case there are possible items he could bring up to the Board.
- Wendy adds it would be nice to have a way to be involved/informed on additional Board of Forestry meetings/opportunities.
- Mike proposes to cancel the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Wendy motions to cancel December meeting and move forward with quarterly meetings. Kaola seconds. Kate and Gary say aye. Motion passes pending Maurizio and Marks reply. Note: Maurizio and Mark replied “aye” by email.
- Board of Forestry meetings for 2023 set as January 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, March 8-9<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, and October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike suggests the Board Tours could be good opportunity for the members of the public to get involved.
- Conservation Collaboration Calls could be another good route.
- Rick asks for any ideas on how to reach out to folks for the Family Forest Convention, will need help inviting folks to expand.
- Climate Smarter Information Session – Would we be a good group to be involved? Meet with longer meetings to be more involved.