



Meeting: Conservation &  
Recreation Advisory Committee  
Meeting – Virtual Attendance  
Time: March 7, 2022 1:00 PM  
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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2           *Committee minutes are considered draft until approved by the Advisory Committee.*

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4 Those attending part all or part of the meeting included:

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6 Advisory Committee Members

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| 7 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains) | 11 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)        |
| 8 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice-Chair, at-large)  | 12 Commissioner Mark Labhart                |
| 9 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)     | 13 Cailin O’Brien Feeney, Office of Outdoor |
| 10 Mark Stern (at-large)                     | 14 Recreation                               |

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16 ODFW Staff

- 17 Dr. Charlotte Regula-Whitefield, OCRF Coordinator  
18 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator  
19 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

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21 10 Members of the Public

- 22 Dick Vanderaaf  
23 James Fraser  
24 Tim Nickolson  
25 Kimberly Priestley  
26 Chris Tymeson  
27 Phil Simpson  
28 Jazmin Garcia-Lawson  
29 Ann Lefler  
30 Yvonn Shaw  
31 Greg Mitz  
32 Representative Ken Helm

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35 **MEETING**

36 **Welcome**

37 On Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation and  
38 Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only  
39 via the Zoom platform.

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41 Warm up - Committee members introduced themselves and shared something recent from their lives.  
42 Introduction of Dr. Charlotte Regula-Whitefield as new staff to the OCRF.

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44 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

45 Objective: Review and approve minutes from December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
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1 Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian moved to approve the meeting minutes with the continued authority to  
2 correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jane  
3 Hartline and the motion passed with five (5) in favor, one (1) member absent from vote.  
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5 **OCRF Legislative Funding Update**

6 HB5202 section 400 removed the \$1 million of E-board funding from HB 2117 (2021) – this bill also  
7 removed the monies that were set-up for donor matching program. HB5202 section 401 provided \$5  
8 million in funding as part of the State’s drought relief package – monies are directly deposited in OCRF  
9 account and do not have match requirements and can carry over into the next biennium. HB5202  
10 section 95 confirms \$1 million appropriation from the 2021 session as part of the Federal CARES act  
11 state allocation – monies to be spent by December 31st, 2024.  
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13 *OCRF Staff are actively tracking further considerations with these funds including scopes of allowable  
14 work as well as types of expenditures applicants can apply for.*  
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16 SB1501 provides \$10 million funding to a newly designated OCRF subaccount as part of the Private  
17 Forest Accords bill package. Funds will be directly programed by a newly formed advisory committee.  
18 HB4055 provides \$2.5 million and then additional over 30-50 years, funding to a newly designated OCRF  
19 subaccount as part of the Private Forest Accords bill package. Funds will be directly programed by a  
20 newly formed advisory committee.  
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22 *OCRF Staff are actively tracking further considerations with these funds including ways for the OCRF to  
23 be an active partner in this process. Representative Helm was invited by Chair Wenner to provide an  
24 overview of the legislative session, and how the Representative envisioned funding to be used  
25 throughout the State. The Committee thanked the Representative for their ongoing support for OCRF.*  
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27 **Wallowa Wolverine and Forest Carnivore Project Presentation**

28 Objective: Receive a project update from Kayla Shively on a recently completed project from 2019-2021  
29 Biennium  
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31 *OCRF Advisory members had no further questions for the presenter and thanked them for their time.*  
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33 **OCRF Available Funds Update Presentation and Committee Discussion**

34 Objective: Receive information on the funds available to the OCRF program.  
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36 *OCRF staff presented an in-depth presentation on OCRF funding types and available amounts, including  
37 ODFW Licensing donations, Oregon Is Alive Donations, Direct Donations (both restricted and  
38 unrestricted), Oregon Federal/Legislative funds, and other. Notwithstanding any recent legislative  
39 funding appropriated in the 2022 session, the OCRF general account currently has \$992,467 in funds,  
40 with \$974,942 allocated to current projects.*  
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42 *OCRF Advisory members had no further questions about these funding updates.*  
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44 **Public Comment**

45 Objective: Invite members of the public to comment on agenda items or strategic priorities for the  
46 OCRF.  
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1 **2021 winter/2022 spring Proposal Submission Overview and Review Process**

2 A total of 59 Projects were Submitted for the Winter 2021/Spring 2022 ranting cycle that closed on  
3 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Requested funds totaled \$2,336,620, with approximately \$750,000 programed to  
4 be spent across 15 projects.

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6 *OCRF Committee member Maret Pajutee introduced the discussion of conflict of interest (COI) in regards*  
7 *to how and when a committee member should recuse themselves from reviewing a project. The*  
8 *committee discussed this topic at length, and OCRF staff concluded the conversation with the*  
9 *recommendation that staff will formulate written guidance for the Committees consideration and review*  
10 *at the April 4<sup>th</sup> OCRF Advisory Committee Meeting.*

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12 OCRF staff presented a draft outline for proposal scoring that was in alignment with the OCRF  
13 Expenditures Framework as well as other supporting document documentation on the OCRF website.

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15 *OCRF Committee members discussed several options for scoring. Staff recommendation was to further*  
16 *develop the scoring and represent an updated draft at the April 4<sup>th</sup> OCRF Advisory Committee Meeting.*

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18 **Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.**