



Meeting: Conservation &  
Recreation Advisory Committee  
Meeting – Virtual Attendance  
Time: April 2, 2021 10:00 AM  
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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

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4 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

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6 Advisory Committee Members

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| 7 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains) | 11 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)    |
| 8 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice Chair, at-large)  | 12 Mark Stern (at-large)                     |
| 9 Chris Hager (at-large)                     | 13 Kelly Timchak (Nearshore and Coast Range) |
| 10 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)         | 14 Commissioner Mark Labhart                 |

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16 ODFW Staff

- 17 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator  
18 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

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20 2 Members of the Public

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22 Mike Totey, Oregon Hunters Association  
23 Leland Brown, Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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25 **MEETING**

26 **Welcome**

27 On Friday, April 2, 2021 at 10:04 a.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation and  
28 Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only  
29 via the Zoom platform. Warm up - Committee members introduced themselves and shared something  
30 recent from their lives.

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32 Kelly Timchak was recently appointed by the Governor to the Advisory Committee. Kelly's biography  
33 includes: *Kelly Timchak grew up stomping around the creeks of Southeast Missouri and has always had a*  
34 *love for the great outdoors. This love for all things nature drove her to eventually secure a B.S. in Wildlife*  
35 *Biology from Southeast Missouri State University and a M.Sc. in Fisheries from the University of New*  
36 *Brunswick (Canada). Kelly has lived in Gold Beach and worked in Curry County since 2005 and has been in*  
37 *her position as the Lower Rogue Watershed Coordinator since May 2012. You might find her*  
38 *coordinating state and federal agencies and other organizations to collaborate on larger projects or*  
39 *building landowner relationships to form restoration and enhancement projects, or working on grant*  
40 *applications, reports and permit applications, or you might find her running smolt traps and monitoring*  
41 *river temperatures. Kelly previously worked for ODFW and the Port Orford Ocean Resource Team before*  
42 *going back to pursue her Master's Degree. She has been serving on the board for the Network of Oregon*  
43 *Watershed Councils since 2013, and performed Executive roles for most of her tenure. When she is not*  
44 *working, she is busy playing with her family and surfing, skiing, camping, hiking, and gardening.*

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46 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

47 Objective: Review and approve minutes from March 5, 2021 meeting.  
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1 *Committee Member Mark Stern moved to approve the meeting minutes from the March 5, 2021 meeting*  
2 *with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Committee Member Jane Hartline*  
3 *seconded the motion and the motion carried with seven (7) in favor.*

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5 **Update on Fundraising and Recent Grant Approvals**

6 Objective: Receive an update on status of funds available for projects on the contingent list and  
7 potential large donations.

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9 *Committee staff Davia Palmeri provided an update on the fundraising for this program as well as the*  
10 *contingent projects that can be implemented because of new funds generated. Total funds raised and*  
11 *committed includes \$394,629.*

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13 *Funds are available to support the following projects:*

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Project	Partner	Amount
Youth Involvement in Forest Restoration Monitoring	Wallowa Resources	\$9,200.00
Wildlife Habitat Modeling with Community Science and Data in the Blue Mountains	Blue Mountains Forest Partners	\$10,000.00
Sandy River Salmon Habitat Restoration & Community Amphibian Surveys	Sandy River Watershed Council	\$7,500.00
Oregon Marine Reserves Assessment	Oregon Community Foundation	\$10,000.00
Owens Farm Healthy Outdoors For All- Universally Accessible Trail Partnership	Greenbelt Land Trust	\$10,000.00
Soda Mountain Trails Project	Siskiyou Mountain Club	\$8,500.00

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17 **Update on Legislative Session**

18 Objective: Receive an update on legislative activities related to the OCRF program.

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20 *There were four bills under consideration in the Oregon Legislature that relate to the Oregon*  
21 *Conservation & Recreation Fund. All four were assigned to the House Agriculture & Natural Resources*  
22 *Committee. House bill 2171-2 and House bill 2913 were both passed out of Committee with a referral to*  
23 *the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Both bills are awaiting action by the Joint Committee, which is*  
24 *not likely to be until after the final state revenue forecast in mid-May.*

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26 The bills related to the OCRF Program are:

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28 HB 2171A (from the Office of the Governor)

29 <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2171/A-Engrossed>

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31 HB 2913 (from Rep. Helm)

32 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2913/Introduced>

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35 **Review Proposal from Forest Park Conservancy**

36 Objective: Consider Subcommittee's review and make a recommendation to the Commission.

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38 *The Committee reviewed a proposal for Forest Park Conservancy's "Foest Park for All" project. A*  
39 *subcommittee including Advisory Committee members Karl Wenner, Maret Pajutee, Chris Hager, and*

1 *Mark Stern reviewed and scored the project using the existing scoresheet for OCRF projects and*  
2 *considered consistency with the Oregon Conservation Strategy, the Advisory Committee's expenditure*  
3 *framework, the potential to leverage large donations, project viability, and ODFW staff review. The*  
4 *Subcommittee made a consensus recommendation to approve the project.*

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6 *"Forest Park for All" is a project through which Forest Park Conservancy and Love is King will create a*  
7 *network of Volunteer Ambassadors, that through proper training, will set the foundation of a culture in*  
8 *Forest Park where individuals can bring their whole selves to their interaction and experience with nature*  
9 *and strengthen and diversify the community of stewards dedicated to caring for and protecting public*  
10 *lands. KEEN Footwear has committed \$20,000 to initially support "Forest Park for All". If the legislature*  
11 *matches donations that were made this biennium, an additional \$6,000 of General Fund will*  
12 *automatically be committed to this project.*

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14 *Committee member Chris Hager moved that the Committee recommends the project "Forest Park for All"*  
15 *from the Forest Park Conservancy for consideration by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Vice*  
16 *Chair Mauricio Valadrian seconded the motion and the motion carried with seven (7) in favor.*

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18 **Other Business**

19 Objective: Opportunity for Committee Members to surface other topics related to the OCRF.

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21 *The Committee discussed potential opportunities for corporate partnerships.*

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23 *The next meeting dates are:*

- 24 • *May 7*
- 25 • *June 4*

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27 **Public Comments**

28 The Committee heard comments from these members of the public:

- 29 • Leland Brown
- 30 • Mike Totey

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33 Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.