

Private Forest Accord Working Group Meeting

June 17, 2024

1:00 pm

Virtual

Meeting called by:	Andy Spyrka (Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)	Type of meeting:	General PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting
Facilitator:	Chad Washington (Chair)	Minute Taker:	Andy Spyrka
Attendees:	Chad Washington (Chair), Chrysten Rivard (Vice-Chair), Andrew Purkey, Fran Cafferata, Kate Wells, Sam Bankston, Chris Allen, Sara Gregory, Mark Stern, Heath Curtiss, Bob Sallinger, Andy Spyrka (ODFW Grant Coordinator).		

Acronyms:

- “Working Group” is a sub-committee of the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Advisory Committee.

Minutes

Agenda item: 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, & Approval of Agenda **Presenter:** Chad Washington

- Roll call conducted by the Chair.
- The Chair, Chad Washington discussed the agenda with the Working Group.
- The Working Group approved the Agenda.

Agenda item: 2. Committee Acquisition Discussion

Discussion:

The working group discussed types of Acquisition to work on and which types are eligible for Private Forest Accord Grants.

- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Acquisition procedures were discussed.
- Andy Spyrka gave an update on DOJ’s interpretation.
- The Working Group continued to discuss the following topics:
 - Challenges of acquisition and outstanding due diligence and approvals needed.
 - Types of eligible land acquisitions (easements and title transfers)
 - Eligible land types (non forested vs forested land types)
 - Importance of maintaining working lands
 - Emphasize durable conservation outcomes for projects

Agenda item: 3. Committee Closing Comments
& Meeting Wrap up

Presenter: Chad Washington

- The following action items were noted by the Chair, Chad Washington.
 - ODFW will continue working on the acquisition portion of the Grant Program and provide updates to the Mitigation Advisory Committee as needed.
 - The Committee will continue working on the incorporation of acquisition with the goal of including it as an eligible project type in future solicitations.
 - Chair, Chad Washington adjourns the meeting.
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