

**Access & Habitat Board Meeting  
Tillamook, OR  
April 21, 2015**

**Attendees:**

Barry DelCurto; Jim Morrell; Alan Christensen; Dave Stiefvater; Doug Baily; Craig Ely;  
William Bronson

**ODFW Staff:**

Roblyn Brown, Acting A&H Program Coordinator; Christina Schmidt, Administrative Assistant;  
Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

**Regional Coordinators:**

Jon Paustian; Vince Oredson; Dave Nuzum; David Stroppel; Kyle Martin; Nancy Breuner (by  
phone)

Chair DelCurto called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**Meeting Minute Review**

Dave moved to approve the January meeting minutes as written; Alan objected and said that his board member report was incorrect; he hunted deer with his son in the Wendling Unit not elk. Dave moved to approve the meeting minutes with the correction from elk to deer; Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

**Board Member Reports**

Willie Bronson

Willie attended the OHA, Capitol Chapter, banquet with Jim Morrell.

Craig Ely

Craig attended the MDF, National, event in Salt Lake City, UT. He commented on how high other mule deer tags sold at, one went for \$390,000, a hunt in Antelope Island. There was a caribou tag that went for \$400,000. Craig also attended the NWTF banquet where an A&H statewide deer tag went for \$31,000.

*Discussion*

- Alan asked Craig if there were any issues at the MDF National event as there have been complaints in the past about how they advertise the A&H auction tag.
- Craig replied that it was his first year attending that event but felt that when presenting the tag they read through the fact sheet very quickly and commented on how they don't allow them (A&H board members or representatives) to the stage. He said they did play the PowerPoint they were given.
- Barry commented that in the past they've asked MDF, while presenting or advertising the tag, to let the crowd know that Oregon has four different species of deer to hunt but they never do.

- Craig said they did mention that there were four different species but didn't list what they were.

#### Doug Baily

Doug has attended three banquets and is scheduled for a fourth but is hoping someone else can take his place. Before the RMEF, Medford Chapter, banquet Dave and his wife stopped by Doug's farm for a couple of days.

#### Dave Stiefvater

Dave has attended three different banquets. The first, DU, was cancelled the night before it was to take place because of lead contamination at the armory it was to be held at. Dave attended the RMEF, Pendleton Chapter, banquet which went smooth and the A&H statewide elk tag sold for \$28,000. The third banquet he attended RMEF, Medford Chapter, where they had a little problem. The auctioneer got in a hurry and two bidders thought they had the same bid. They were able to get it resolved and the tag went for \$27,500. Dave had the opportunity to take a young lady on a youth hunt on the Elkhorn Wildlife Area and also had an opportunity to get over to NE Oregon and hunt on the Noregaard TMA where they're doing a lot of logging.

#### Alan Christensen

Alan was scheduled for two banquets and wasn't able to go to either one of them. Alan was also scheduled to go to the DU banquet that was cancelled.

#### Jim Morrell

Jim has attended three banquets. The first was MDF, Linn-Benton Chapter, where the auction tag sold for \$32,500. The second banquet he attended was OHA, Capitol Chapter, where the statewide deer tag went for \$34,000. The last banquet Jim attended was NWTF where the tag went for \$31,000. He spoke with the alternate bidder at that banquet who commented that he'd be bidding on the combination tag at the OHA State Convention. Jim brought up an email they received from Kathy Kinkle who ran the OHA, Capitol Chapter, banquet. The successful bidder for the A&H tag at that banquet paid for the tag with his credit card and OHA had to pay for the transaction fee which can be pretty high when making a \$31,000 purchase. Jim suggested that at July's meeting it be brought up so that the sports groups are aware.

#### *Discussion*

- Craig asked if Roblyn would send them the auction tag allocation criteria prior to July's board meeting.

#### Barry DelCurto

Barry attended the RMEF, Pendleton Chapter banquet. He felt it was very well organized and they put on a good auction. They met with Barry and Dave prior to the auction and went over things with them. They were very receptive to the tag and the guidelines set by the A&H board for the auction tag. Barry is scheduled to attend the OHA State Convention in Lincoln City in May.

## **A&H Program Coordinator Report**

Roblyn Brown, Acting A&H Coordinator gave the coordinators report.

Presented at the March 6<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting:

- William Bronson was appointed as a Landowner Representative on the A&H Board
- They approved funding for the following projects
  - Wendling TMA
  - Willamette Private Lands
  - Linn Forest Protection
  - Jenkins Access Area

A&H Legislative report for 2013-15 is finished.

Regional Council Meetings:

- Reviewed 10 projects
- Council appointments
  - 15 positions
  - Council recommendations for 13
  - At least 3 vacancies to be filled next round

Upcoming Events:

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – OR FNAWS banquet
  - Statewide elk tag
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – OHA State Convention
  - Statewide deer/elk combination tag
- Raffle drawing
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> at the OHA State Convention
- Blue Mountains Elk Initiative
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – June 30-July 1

USDA Farm Bill VPA-HIP:

- 2011 FSA Grant – Open Fields for 1.56 million
- 2014 – NRCS Grant
  - \$40 million to award over 5 years
  - 2014 - \$20 million awarded to 10 entities (Oregon not chosen)
- 2015 Application due April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 25 states applying
  - Oregon is applying for 1.7 million
  - Application modified

2016 Auction Tag Sponsorship:

- Changes to the application
  - 501(c)(3) requirement
  - Organization must present certificates of Commercial General Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance when signing contract
- Invitation letter send out & application is online
- Applications are due June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Selections will be made at July board meeting

Access Area Permits:

- Permits collected August 1 – May 31

- Permits are due to A&H Coordinator June 30
- Drawing to be held mid-July
  - Alternates are drawn
  - Hunters can enter more than once

*Discussion*

- Craig asked if the application process for auction tag sponsors had been adopted by the commission or in rule. He feels that with the issues that came up last year it would be good to have the process approved by the commission and put into rule.
- Roblyn replied that the process has not been put in front of the commission. She agreed that DOJ should review the process to make sure it's being done correctly and get their guidance. If DOJ recommends them to take it to commission they can do so at the October meeting when they open up Division 90 for corrections.

**Auction/Raffle Tag Allocation**

- 2015 Auction Tags
  - (1) Governor's Combination Statewide Deer/Elk
  - (4) Statewide Deer
  - (4) Statewide Elk
  - Season: September 1 – November 30
  - Bag Limit: One deer/elk
  - Weapon: Any weapon legal for that species
- 2015 Raffle Tags
  - Governor's Combination Statewide Deer/Elk
  - Statewide Deer
  - Southeast OR Deer
  - Central OR Deer
  - Northeast OR Deer
  - Statewide Elk
  - Northeast OR Elk
  - Central/SE Elk
  - Western OR Elk
  - Season: September 1 – November 30
  - Bag Limit: One deer/elk
  - Weapon: Any weapon legal for that species

Motion:

Jim moved to approve the tag allocations as written in the board packet; Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

**Public Comment**

No public comment at 9:16 a.m.

## **Regional Council Appointments**

### **Malheur Regional Advisory Council**

The Malheur Regional Advisory Council has a Landowner Representative vacancy. The regional council voted to appoint Ryan Peila to a second four year term.

Motion:

Dave moved to appoint Ryan Peila as Landowner Representative for a second four year term as recommended by the regional council; Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **Northeast Regional Advisory Council**

The Northeast Regional Advisory Council has a Landowner Representative, Hunter Representative, and Chair position vacancy. The regional council voted to appoint Vicki McClaren as Landowner Representative for a second four year term; Morgan Olson as the Chair which created a second Hunter Representative vacancy so the council voted to appoint Lance Burton and Tim Campbell as Hunter Representatives.

Motion:

Jim moved to approve the council appointments as recommended by the regional council; Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **North Willamette Advisory Council**

The North Willamette Advisory Council has a Landowner Representative, two Hunter Representatives, and a Chair position vacancy. The regional council voted to appoint Truman Stone as Chair; Eric Shultz as Landowner Representative for a second term; Lance Powlison and Matt Alford as Hunter Representatives.

Motion:

Alan moved to approve the council appointments as recommended by the regional council; Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **South Willamette Advisory Council**

The South Willamette Advisory Council has a Landowner Representative, Hunter Representative, and Chair position vacancy. The regional council voted to appoint Ray Fiori as Chair; John Tacke as Hunter Representative; Steve Gilbert as Landowner Representative for a second four year term.

Motion:

Dave moved to approve the council appointment as recommended by the regional council; Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **Southwest Regional Council**

The Southwest Regional Advisory Council has a Hunter Representative and two Landowner Representative vacancies. The regional council voted to appoint Fred Craig as Hunter Representative for a second four year term; Jamie Hanscom as Landowner Representative. One

Landowner Representative Position remains vacant because out of the three applicants, the council felt that based on the information given on the applications, only Jamie qualified for what they consider to be a Landowner Representative.

The council would ideally like to have a professional forester or a large-scale land owner. Vince is going to reach out to Richard Rawson to get more clarification on the activities on his property and plans on advertising the position again to get more landowner applications in to chose from.

- Vince commented on how Fred Craig has been a great asset to the council, very knowledgeable about a lot of issues with hunting and landowners.

#### *Discussion*

- Doug asked if there were additional questions to Richard Rawson before the regional council meeting.
- Vince believes the regional advisory council just went by the information on his application.
- Doug asked if Richard Rawson was given notice of the meeting.
- Vince replied yes.
- Doug asked how many members participated in the meeting.
- Vince said there were three council members were present out of five including the chair.
- Doug asked if there are any quorum rules.
- Vince replied that as he understands it, the regional advisory council makes a recommendation to the A&H Board, so it's just a recommendation.
- Doug asked out of the three council members present, how many voted to recommend Fred Craig.
- Vince replied that Fred abstained from voting for himself, so there were two voting members.
- Dave brought up that Doug had recommended someone for the Southwest Advisory Council and asked Vince if he wanted to share his thoughts on that.
- Vince replied that the more people that are contacted and he get applications from the better.

#### *Motion:*

Doug moved to appoint Richard Rawson as Landowner Representative or Hunter Representative; Dave seconded the motion.

#### *Further Discussion*

- Doug has a grave concern about what has come up in the past about the possibility that by the method that they normally apply of approving the recommendations of the regional councils they may perpetuate a system that is not in the best interest of the A&H Program. In making these comments he first wants to make a disclosure. He knows Jim Leet who is one of the applicants. Doug first met Jim when he was service as Director of International Fisheries for Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Jim was serving as a member of Operation Safeguard in Juneau. Doug also knows Richard Rawson who has for some years been on the board of the fire department where Doug is a volunteer and he has for some time served as chairman of the board. He doesn't know him well but has met him from time to time in conjunction to the fire department. Doug is concerned that in the southwest region. It is not lost on him that in the present time and for some time

all the members of the southwest regional advisory council, he believes, have been from the Rogue Valley.

- Vince commented that Dave Peterson is from Roseburg.
- Doug feels by pretty uniformly accepting the recommendation of regional advisory council, as qualified as they may be, that they simply have a lock on other people having equal access to serving on the council and that's not in the best interest of the program overall if that's what is happening. Doug thinks that if all of the council appointments strive for the greatest possible geographical distance distribution within the individual region. He thinks they should also expect that if somebody is appointed to one of these regional advisory councils that is other than those that they have recommended that they are decent enough people that they will work well with that individual even though it may not be the person that has been sitting in the seat next them for the preceding two years. He also thinks that they consider that when they do this there might ultimately be some public concern over the fact that they are not getting enough geographical distribution as they should. That goes to geographic and gender as well as other things such as age.
- Vince commented that they are trying to identify people the board will approve. There have been some issues and the regional council said they'd like to have somebody that has better landowner qualifications.
- Craig asked Vince if people have the ability to call in to the regional council meeting.
- Vince said he has in the past but they didn't do it that last meeting. Usually they have the council applicants show up at the meetings or call in so the regional council can interview them, but at the last meeting they went strictly by the application.
- Dave said he would support Doug's motion being that there's a rancher being nominated for a landowner representative so he wouldn't have a problem appointing a small landowner to the council.
- Craig feels they have a dilemma in respect to this particular vote. There are five regional council members, two were unable to attend the meeting, three did, and one had to abstain from voting for himself leaving only two members to vote for the hunter representative position. He feels they can either move forward with Doug's motion or ask Vince to go back and get the other two engaged in the decision making and bring back recommendations.
- Vince said he talked with Richard and Richard said he uses 67 acres for commercial lumber.

Motion:

Doug amended his motion to appoint Richard Dawson and Jamie Haskum as Landowner Representatives and Fred Craig as a Hunter Representative; Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **A&H Budget Report**

Roblyn Brown, Acting A&H Program Coordinator, provided an update of the current A&H Program Budget (refer to A&H packet).

*Discussion*

- Willie suggested a graph to show expenditures.

**Project Review**

**2015-08 Widman Access Area**

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

This project proposes to continue to pay Widman Ranches \$2.00/acre for “Welcome to Hunt” access on 8,430 acres of private land in the Lookout Mountain Wildlife Management Unit for a period of three years to hunt big game (i.e. mule deer, pronghorn antelope, Rocky Mountain elk, bear, cougar, coyote) and upland game birds (i.e. sage grouse, Hungarian partridge, chukar, California quail, and forest grouse).

*Discussion*

- Jon noted one correction that needs to be made to the first bullet point on the council review sheet under Project Strengths. The project is not yearlong, it’s August 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Craig asked if Jon ever tried to renegotiate the contract for less money so that there would be some money available for emergency fire seeding.
- Jon answered no. He said there used to be a small amount of money that was set aside for emergency fire seeding until approximately two years ago when things started getting tight.
- Barry commented that since the money that used to be set aside for fire seeding had gone away, they use whatever A&H funds are available to fund fire seeding projects as they come up and he doesn’t recall having to turn one down yet.
- Alan asked about going to the Eboard and asking for a lump sum of money to set aside just for emergency fire seeding money. If it doesn’t get spent it stays there. He feels like everyone is most likely in agreement that it could be a big fire season.
- Tom replied that it’s not a simple process; it’s a lot of work. Tom can find out what the process is.
- Craig commented that money that rolls from one biennium to the next is always there and you should only go before the Eboard if it’s unanticipated expenditure outside the Ways n Means process. They meet monthly and in a wildfire situation he feels like they would most likely approve the money.

**2015-09 Forsea Ranch Access Area**

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

This project proposes to continue to pay Forsea Ranches \$2.40/acre for “Welcome to Hunt” access on 9,329 acres of private land in the Lookout Mountain Wildlife Management Unit for a period of three years to hunt big game (i.e. mule deer, pronghorn antelope, Rocky Mountain elk,

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, bear, cougar, coyote) and upland game birds (i.e. sage grouse, turkey, Hungarian partridge, chukar, California quail and forest grouse).

### *Discussion*

- Craig asked if ATV use was limited
- Jon replied yes, to the green dot roads.
- Craig asked if closing the road to ATV access was something the commission adopted and if not how would it be enforced.
- Jon replied no. Normally if OSP or one of the ODFW people encounters enforcement issues the landowner has to sign the citation which is something they're looking at addressing soon.
- Roblyn added that is a question being asked of DOJ.
- Craig is curious as to what OSP would cite on. He hopes that they continue to pursue that because it is a concern.
- Tom has asked DOJ about this and what they're looking for is some kind of blanket statement regarding A&H access areas. Something along the lines that there's a map for each one and you're required to follow the regulations on the map. There is not enough space to list them individually in the regulations and they can come and go in a short period of time which won't work with having each one identified in the regulations.

### **2015-10 Fox Valley Access Area**

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

This project proposes to pay Earl King \$1.80 per acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access on 1,355 acres of private land in the Northside Wildlife Management Unit for a period of three years to hunt big game (i.e. mule deer, elk, bear, cougar, coyote) and upland game birds (i.e. blue and ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge, turkey and California quail).

### **Lawen Access Area**

District Biologist Rod Klus, Wildlife Habitat Technician Brett Amdor, and Habitat Biologist Jon Gutcher presented Opie Access Area, Ross Opie Access Area, and Temple Access area which make up the Lawen Access Area (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

### **2015-01 Opie Access Area**

This project proposes to maintain hunting access on 1495 acres of private land providing hunting opportunity for waterfowl, pheasants, antelope, deer and coyotes near Burns, OR.

### **2015-06 Ross Opie Access Area**

This project proposes to continue the Ross Opie Access project, covering 1,646 acres of private land at the original payment rate of \$2.50 per acre, for a total of \$4,115 annually (over 4 years the total cost of the project would be \$16,460. This parcel is a portion of the larger Lawen Access Area.

## 2015-07 Temple Access Area

This project proposes to continue the Temple Access Project, covering 545 acres of private land at the original payment rate of \$2.50 per acre, for a total of \$1,362.50 annually (over 3 years the total cost of the project would be \$4087.50). The parcel is a portion of the larger Lawen Access Area.

### *Discussion*

- Jim pointed out Rod Klus' letter in the proposal saying on wet years the area can provide extremely productive waterfowl hunting and said from what he has heard this is going to be an extremely dry year. He asked why they should pay the same for a dry year as they would a wet year.
- Rod explained that it's kind of a gamble on this project; the issue has always been there. The property is essentially a lake bed and depending on the fluctuating levels of Malheur Lake, the property can be under water or it can be an upland habitat. There are a lot of sloughs running through it. He said that maybe 2 out of 3 years it would definitely be worth paying the \$2.50 per acre and 1 out of those 3 years may not be as good of a year. There are pheasant hunting opportunities when the property dries up.
- Alan asked if the landowners were fixed on getting \$2.50 per acre.
- Jon replied that he didn't think the landowners were willing to take any less than the \$2.50 per acre.
- Craig noticed that in 2014 there were only 5 people recorded as far as hunter use and asked if that was all the data that was collected.
- Rod wasn't sure. He does know hunter use was higher than that. Even in a year like this which was poor from a hunting standpoint. There wasn't enough water for waterfowl and not enough for upland hunting. There was some use in the spring for goose season and he doesn't think that those permits have been picked up or recorded.
- Dave asked what the average hunter use is per year and what percentage the of permits are submitted.
- Craig's concerns about funding this project for 4 years at \$2.50 per acre are that the last permits recorded are from October 2014 although there could be permits from spring goose season that are still not recorded, it's a waterfowl area and very dry weather conditions are anticipated for this year. He asked how much hunter use was there for the other opportunities listed on the application (pheasants, deer, and coyote).
- Rod replied there's not much hunter use as far as the other opportunities.
- Craig asked how many years of the 9 years this project has been in place have they had productive waterfowl hunting.
- Rod replied probably 4 and a couple of those years were fantastic.
- Roblyn asked if there was an opportunity to do some habitat work, thinking of Open Fields funding, to enhance upland bird (pheasant) hunting in the dry years.
- Rod replied that they'd still have run-off issues. It can go from a biological desert to and incredible productive wetland. From a habitat management standpoint he's not sure how to fix that without doing something very expensive.
- Craig asked how they felt about approving 2 years out of the 4 and took a look at it again in the future.
- Rod replied that he wasn't sure because Tom Segal deals with these landowners.

- Alan would like to see them go to the landowners and negotiate a lower price.
- Jim suggested going back to the landowners with one of two options. Offer the amount of funding currently proposed for the 4 years but over 6 years which would be \$1.66 per or just \$1.66 for 4 years.
- Craig would like to leave Tom some negotiating room and not set a certain price for him to take back to the landowners.

Motion:

Doug moved to table the Lawen Access Area project; Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **2015-13 North Coast Travel Management Area**

Regional Coordinator Dave Nuzum presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

This project proposes to maintain and improve public access to private and public timberlands during the big game hunting seasons by continuing funding for a Travel Management Program on the North Coast. Access and Habitat funds will be used to hire five retired Oregon State Police Troopers to provide dedicated law enforcement on the Travel Management Area for a total of five years, 2015-2019 hunting seasons.

#### *Discussion*

- Dave explained that within the bounds of the NCTMA roughly 250,000 acres are Weyerhaeuser and out of that approximately 200,000 acres are going to permit or lease access. So the TMA is going from 1.2 million acres to about 1 million. There are some things that buffer that as far as enforcement goes. They've included two new cooperators and together that adds back in approximately 40,000 to 50,000 acres. The other thing that buffers that is the increasing participation on ODF ground.
- Alan asked if enforcement will be more difficult with the permit/fee areas.
- Sergeant Todd Hodenpyl replied that this is something they started dealing with earlier in the year when Weyerhaeuser started with a test plot and once they identify those areas that are going to be permit or fee access only, they make sure the TMA officers are aware of those boundaries. The TMA funded troopers do not patrol the permit/fee access areas.

Motion:

Craig moved to approve the project as proposed; Willie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **2015-11 Owsley Canyon Access Area**

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

This project proposes to continue to pay Don Shaw \$2.00 per acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access on 435 acres of private land in the East Mt. Emily Wildlife Management Unit for a period of three years to hunt big game (i.e. mule deer, elk, bear, cougar) and upland game birds (i.e. ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge, turkey, pheasant and California quail).

### **2015-12 Glass Hill – Smutz Access**

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

This project proposes to continue to pay Irwin Smutz \$2.50 per acre for “Welcome to Hunt” access to 1,414 acres of private land in the Starkey Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) for a period of 3 year to hunt deer, elk, bear, cougar, coyote, waterfowl and upland game birds (i.e. pheasant, blue and ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge, California quail and wild turkey). Continuing this partnership will also improve access to adjacent Access and Habitat (A&H) program lands (i.e. Glass Hill Conservancy, Hancock Forest Management LLC and ODFW’s Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area lands).

#### *Discussion*

- Craig commented that he’s gotten complaints about hunters honoring the gate, parking their vehicles and walking in and all of a sudden there comes an ATV or pick-up. Generally it’s someone that Irwin has let access his property through his LOP tags. Craig asked Jon if there was any chance he could visit with Irwin about limiting that.
- Jon replied that when Irwin first enrolled in the program, he still holds this mentality today, he wants to retain the ability that if someone harvests an animal he can issue them a permit to drive in and retrieve the animal. When Jon met with him about renewing the project they went over this issue. It’s the same group of individuals every year and Jon told him that it needed to stop if he wanted to renew at the same price, \$2.50 per acre. Irwin agreed with Jon. Jon will have a discussion with the people that are issued Irwin’s LOP tags about driving on the access area.

### **Motion on Jon’s projects**

Alan moved to approve Widman Access Area, Forsea Access Area, Fox Valley Access Area, Owsley Canyon Access Area, and Glass Hill – Smutz Access Area as proposed; Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2015-14 New River Aleutian Goose Project**

Regional Coordinator Vince Oredson with Landowners Jim Kamph and Rick McKenzie presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

This project proposes to reimburse the four landowners for allowing public hunting access by providing them with fertilizer. The fertilizer will be applied to pastures used for livestock grazing. The properties have a mix of wetlands and pasture that support large populations of waterfowl and are a staging area in the spring for Aleutian Canada geese.

#### *Discussion*

- Jim asked if Vince had spoken to Ducks Unlimited (DU) about funding.
- Vince replied no.
- Jim suggested he talk to DU next year.

- Craig asked if Vince has thought about making a regulated hunt out of this. For example, getting a technician to help the landowners in regards to dealing with hunters.
- Vince said no but the first thing that comes to mind is that a tech costs money.
- Willie suggested a phone number and limited hours or maybe a non-profit to help with the burden of calls.
- Craig said he looks at this project as a unique opportunity and would like to see more hunter use data.
- Rick suggested giving hunters a number to call to report use/success.
- Dave suggested a drop box.
- Willie suggested online reporting.

Motion:

Jim moved to approve as the project as proposed; Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

#### *Further Discussion*

- Craig would like Vince to continue to look for efficiencies, visit with the region regarding opportunities for a technician to take some of the burden off the landowners, and he would like to see more hunter use data.
- Alan added that he agreed with Jim about going to DU. He told Jim Kamph that he might be able to pull some fisheries money because this could eventually lead to an erosion problem.

#### **Regional Coordinator Reports**

Nancy Breuner

Nancy sent out a letter to the 2014 Dixie Meadows hunters warning them that Dixie Meadows would not be in the program this year in case they were to apply for a tag expecting to hunt on Dixie Meadows. The Aspen Valley project will continue for another two years. Nancy spoke to Jon Muir regarding the JWTR TMA. It's expected to continue as usual years after being bought by GDRC. She is still awaiting a summary report on enforcement issues from Jon. There is still a chair position open on the Deschutes/Klamath Regional Advisory Council. She was expecting to receive applications from two council members that had shown some interest but neither has applied. She's trying to get a new property enrolled in the program so she'll be talking to Greg Jackle and Matt Keenan about it.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.