

**Access & Habitat Board Meeting**  
**Salem, OR**  
**July 19, 2015**

**Attendees**

Board Members:

Jim Morrell, Chair; Dave Stiefvater; Alan Christensen; Doug Baily; Craig Ely; Willie Bronson (*arrived after budget report*); Candy Yow

ODFW:

Isaac Sanders, A&H Program Coordinator; Christina Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

Regional Coordinators:

Jon Paustian; Nancy Breuner; David Stroppel; Vince Oredson

Chair Morrell called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**Board member reports**

Dave Stiefvater:

Dave went turkey hunting on an A&H property in NE Oregon and ran into some other campers that left a mess and had possibly been poaching which they called OSP about. Dave realizes there are rewards out there for turning in poachers but was wondering if they could kick it up a notch and offer a big game hunt tag as a reward.

Alan Christensen:

Alan and his wife went to Europe in May to visit relatives in London. They went out for the annual Bluebell bloom and discovered that over everyone can access private land.

Doug Baily:

Doug attended OHA State Convention at Seven Feathers Casino where the statewide elk tag went for \$49,000. He and Craig got to draw raffle tickets for the Big Game Raffle event.

Craig Ely:

Craig attended OHA State Convention with Doug Baily and noticed that when they were doing the Big Game Raffle drawing there were people that commented on the process being very fair.

Willie Bronson:

Willie attended the Oregon Forest Council landowner damage committee meeting. A lot of them are trying to get numbers where they have their damage to help set tag numbers for the damage complaints in different units. One of the things that came up is the concern that in the southwest Oregon is that they're going to be short a couple of officers this fall.

### **Meeting Minutes Review**

Dave pointed out a correction on page 2 regarding his comment and how it should read the banquet was very impressive and how the chapters provided representatives with contact information on each of the phone bidders.

Motion:

Alan moved to approve the April meeting minutes with the correction; Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5:0.

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

Isaac Sanders, A&H Coordinator, gave the coordinators report.

Presented at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting

- Commission approved all projects as recommended.
- Commission appointed Candis Yow as Hunter Representative to the A&H Board.
- Commission approved all auction and raffle tags recommended by the A&H Board.

Oregon Government Ethics Commission

- Created in 1974 by statewide ballot
- Agency Jurisdiction defined under ORS Chapter 244
- Provides training to public officials, boards, agencies
- Invite to January 2017 Board meeting in Salem to discuss ethics, conflict of interest and answer Board and staff questions

New Board, Commission, and Executive Director Required Curriculum

- 3 classes, 2 online and 1 classroom or webinar offered quarterly
  - First online class *Overview of Boards, Commissions and Small Entities*
  - Second online class *Oregon Government Ethics Law*
  - Last class *New Board, Commission and Executive Director training*
- Reappointments are not required to complete training
- Current Board and Council members as well as the Regional Coordinators are encouraged to complete the training

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

Isaac Sanders, A&H Program Coordinator, provided an update of the current A&H Program Budget (refer to A&H packet).

### **Public Comment**

No public comment 8:49 a.m.

### **2017 Auction Tag Allocation**

**Organization representatives present to testify:**

- National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), Central Oregon Chapter: Mikal Moore
- Mule Deer Foundation (MDF): Ken Hand
- Safari Club International (SCI), SW Washington Chapter: Todd Lambertson
- Oregon Hunters Association (OHA): Ken McCall

- Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS), Oregon Chapter: George Houston, Tom Peterson, & Alan Day

**Recommendations:**

Motion:

Craig moved to allocate the combination tag to SCI; Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

Alan moved to allocate statewide deer tags to:

- FNAWS, Oregon Chapter
- MDF, National
- MDF, Linn-Benton Chapter
- NWTF, Central Oregon Chapter

Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

Alan moved to allocate statewide elk tags to:

- OHA, State
- OHA, Columbia Basin Chapter
- RMEF, Rogue Chapter
- RMEF, Rose City Chapter

Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

Discussion

- Craig reminded Isaac that the board would like to know who Don allocates his tags to.

**Regional Council Appointments**

**South Willamette Advisory Council**

The South Willamette Advisory Council has a Landowner Representative vacancy. The regional council voted to appoint Riley Stephenson to the Landowner Representative position.

Discussion

- Doug asked how the vacancy was publicized.
- David responded that it went through the normal channels working through Isaac and Christina advertising on the webpage for 30 days and he reached out to past applicants.
- Doug asked if David knew any of the applicants.
- David replied that he did not know the applicants.
- Doug asked if Riley Stephenson's company is a participant in the A&H program.
- David said yes.

Motion:

Dave moved to appoint Riley Stephenson as Landowner Representative as recommended by the regional council; Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:1.

## **Project Review**

### **#2016-15 Desolation Creek LLC Access Area**

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

This project proposes to pay Ecotrust \$2.40/acre for “Welcome to Hunt” access on 13,440 acres of private land in the Desolation 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).

#### *Discussion*

- Willie asked how they monitor what goes on the ground.
- Jon replied that they don't.
- Willie suggested Jon let them know that the A&H board would like to see how the money was spent on the ground when this project comes up for renewal.

#### Motion:

Alan moved to approve this project under the Open Fields grant; Willie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

### **#2016-16 Hancock Forest Management Access Area**

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian with Steve McClelland, Hancock Real Estate and Livestock Manager, presented this project (refer to the A&H Board packet for the Regional Council Review and application for detailed information on this project).

#### *Discussion*

- Craig's only concern is that if they approve the project under Open Fields, they're only getting 2 years instead of 5 years, there's no guarantee to fund it after the 2 years if Open Fields goes away.
- Alan feels like they should look at doing a 5 year contract and suggested funding it through Open Fields for a couple of years and then A&H for the remaining 3 years.

#### Motion:

Alan moved to approve the project for 5 years, funding it with both Open Fields and A&H as best appropriate; Dave seconded the motion.

Craig moved to amend Alan's motion by only funding the project for 4 years with the ability to extend it another year once they have some projections of revenue and funding; Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

## **Regional Coordinator Reports**

Jon Paustian:

Jon has been busy preparing the application for the Hancock project. He'll start putting out traffic counters at the beginning of August and will be putting them out in new areas. He took down kiosks at Fox Valley.

Vince Oredson:

Vince has been working with JACTMA, there are 2 new landowners one is Murphy Timber resources and they have decide to start gating some roads but are still going to allow public hunting. He doesn't see any sign that they're going to start charging for access. They're going to put in some gates but will allow walk-in hunting access and will leave some gates open during hunting season. The other new landowner is Weyerhaeuser who bought Plum Creek and it has been hard for him to get current information from them on what they plan to do. As far as he can tell they're going to keep the portion in the TMA open.

Nancy Breuner:

Nancy was out in the filed about a month ago with Matt Keenan, Assistant District Biologist in Prineville, exploring Aspen Valley and Dixie Meadows, two of the original Open Fields projects.

David Stroppel:

David has been busy getting applicants for the regional council vacancy. There has been a lot of turnover. He has another vacancy closing today.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm