



## Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

Mon/Tue, April 10-11, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.  
Inn at Face Rock  
3225 Beachloop Road  
Bandon, Oregon 97411

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3 *Access and Habitat Board meeting minutes are considered draft until approved by the Board.*  
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6 Notice of these meetings had been published through Oregon Transparency Website  
7 <https://apps.oregon.gov/DAS/OregonMeetings/> and ODFW Website  
8 <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.  
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10 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:  
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Dave Stiefvater, <i>Acting Chair</i>	Doug Baily, <i>Board Member</i>
Alan Christensen, <i>Board Member</i> ( <i>teleconference</i> )	Willie Bronson, <i>Board Member</i>
Isaac Sanders, <i>ODFW</i>	Candy Yow, <i>Board Member</i>
Jo Davis, <i>ODFW</i>	Tom Thornton, <i>ODFW</i>
Nancy Breuner, <i>ODFW</i>	Dave Nuzum, <i>ODFW</i>
Stuart Love, <i>ODFW</i>	David Stroppel, <i>ODFW</i>
Vince Oredson, <i>ODFW</i>	John McLaughlin, <i>ODFW</i>
Jon Paustian, <i>ODFW (teleconference)</i>	Tom Segal, <i>ODFW (teleconference)</i>
Jim Kamph, <i>New River rancher</i>	Curtis Edwards, <i>ODFW (teleconference)</i>
Eric Farm, <i>Barnes and Associates, Inc.</i>	Officer Thompson, <i>OSP</i>

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16 On Monday, April 10, 2017, A&H Board, ODFW staff, OSP Officer Thompson and Eric  
17 Farm of Barnes and Associates, Inc. met for field tour:  
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19 Tioga Wildlife Management Unit:  
20 The Board, ODF&W staff, OSP Officer Thompson, and Eric Farm of Barnes and  
21 Associates, Inc. went on a tour into Tioga Wildlife Management Unit area to see a  
22 potential Travel Management Area site in a commercial timberland. Barnes and  
23 Associates, Inc. is managing the portion of timberland that potentially can be an addition  
24 to prime hunting area open to public hunting in the Tioga Unit. Travel Management  
25 Areas are open to public hunting with limited motor vehicle use to specific roads and  
26 dates. Signs or markings are used for road open/closures, Welcome to Hunt, and  
27 prohibitions.  
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29 New River Aleutian Goose Project:  
30 The Board and group visited Jim Kamph's ranch as part of the New River Aleutian  
31 Goose Project in the Sixes Unit in Curry County. The project provides public waterfowl  
32 hunting on 4780 acres owned by four landowners. The New River Bottoms area  
33 represents the only large scale waterfowl hunting opportunity on the southern Oregon  
34 coast south of Bandon. Landowners are reimburse for fertilizers applied to pastures  
35 used by livestock grazing.

Approved: July 17, 2017

1 The properties have a mix of wetlands and pasture that support large populations of  
2 waterfowl and are a staging area in the spring for Aleutian Canada geese. The  
3 landowners suffered increased damage from staging Aleutian geese and uses the  
4 fertilizers to increase production of high quality forage for livestock and waterfowl. The  
5 landowner opens their field to the public during the general waterfowl hunting seasons.  
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7 On Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 8:00am, Acting-Chair Dave Stiefvater called the Access  
8 & Habitat Board meeting to order.  
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10 **Action:**

11 **Meeting Minutes Review**

12 Dave pointed that "Steve" on the January Meeting Minutes Review should be replaced  
13 by "Dave". Alan moved to approve the changes Dave pointed out on the January 2017  
14 meeting minutes. Willie seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously  
15 5:0.  
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17 **Board Member Reports**

18 Candy Yow:

19 Candy and family went shed hunting in New Mexico and Arizona. In Arizona, you can  
20 take a Hunter Ed class and receive points. Candy had a discussion with the instructor  
21 about the different rules. They also go through the federal rules. Arizona have different  
22 hunting rules from Oregon. In two weeks Candy is going to Africa for a safari. She will  
23 give a report about the trip when she gets back.  
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25 Doug Baily:

26 Doug attended two auction banquets. One is the Mule Deer Foundation auction in  
27 Albany on March 11 and the other one was the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in  
28 Medford on April 1. Doug also went fishing on the Umpqua River with former A&H  
29 Board Chairman Phil Morrel. Phil sends his best wishes to everyone.  
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31 Willie Bronson:

32 Willie attended three auction banquets, one was the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in  
33 Wilsonville on March 11, then the National Wild Turkey Federation in Bend on April 1  
34 and the Safari Club International banquet in Portland on April 8. Willie pointed out they  
35 had these cards made ahead of time with bidder and call taker information which is  
36 shown to the auctioneer so the auctioneer knows who the bids are coming from.  
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38 Dave Stiefvater:

39 Dave agreed with Willie that those cards are worth having and will help a lot when trying  
40 to figure out who is bidding. The last thing we want is to upset the bidder by not having  
41 their names right. The card simplifies the identity of the bidder. Maybe this is something  
42 we should request that they provide these information before the banquet. We can have  
43 an example and talk about this in the July meeting.  
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1 **A&H Program Report**

2 Isaac Sanders, Program Coordinator

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4 **Commission Meeting:**

5 *This report is available in the Commission meeting website at*

6 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/04\\_april/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/04_april/index.asp)

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9 **A&H Board Member Application:**

10 A&H is accepting applications for landowner representative until April 17, 2017.

11 Application form is available in the A&H website.

12 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/get\\_involved.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/get_involved.asp). Interested parties should send their  
13 applications to Department of Forestry and Department of Agriculture. Statute requires  
14 a pool of 5 applicants. There are currently 3 applicants.

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16 **Senate Bill 327:**

17 Senate Bill 327 provides recreational immunity to landowner. Extends recreational  
18 immunity to employees and agents of landowner when acting within the scope of duties  
19 and those with private property interests in land. It eliminates duty of care to maintain  
20 land for entry or other use by others for certain purposes. The hearing on April 6, 2017  
21 showed strong support from local governments, municipalities, land trusts, and NGO'S.  
22 The Judiciary Committee voted to pass the bill with some amendments.

23 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Measures/Exhibits/SB327>

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25 **Small Grants:**

26 Small Grants is to provide capacity for volunteer-driven small projects. The idea is for  
27 the Commission to allocate funds each biennium and A&H Board will approve individual  
28 projects after local Councils and ODF&W District Wildlife Biologist recommended  
29 approvals. The funds will be coming from Green and DEAR with matching funds. The  
30 Board is to establish a list of eligible projects that promotes landowner and hunter's  
31 participation, habitat centric, and no fee access but access areas eligible. Projects can  
32 be limited to \$5,000 and can varies by project type. Project must have solid match, in-  
33 kind, and cash with volunteer labor hours encouraged.

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35 **Biennium Report:**

36 A&H 2015-2017 Biennium Report has been completed and distributed.

37 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/docs/legislative\\_reports/2015-2017\\_AHBienniumReport.pdf](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/docs/legislative_reports/2015-2017_AHBienniumReport.pdf)

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39 **Next A&H Board Meeting:**

40 The next A&H Board meeting is on July 17 and 18 in Salem. There is no field trip  
41 planned in this meeting. Allocation of event tags will be covered; ethics presentation that  
42 was put off in the January meeting; and final auction and raffle sales count.

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44 **Identifying Funding Priorities:**

45 The Department is beginning a process of identifying habitat actions and critical access  
46 needs in each A&H region to meet the mission of providing access for hunters and  
47 habitat for wildlife by working with hunters and landowners.

1 Over the course of the summer and fall, the Department will work with the Regional  
2 Councils and local biologists to compile a list of actions and projects that would be the  
3 best use of A&H funds. In the fall, the Department will compile the efforts of the  
4 Regional Councils and local biologists and present the findings. The Board will provide  
5 a statewide perspective on the regional efforts and produce region priorities for A&H  
6 funds. The results of the planning process will be presented to the Commission. The  
7 regional priorities will be used to guide the programs efforts of providing access for  
8 hunters and habitat for wildlife in Oregon.  
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#### 10 **Access Permits, Area Use Data, and Gun Giveaway:**

11 Isaac explained the Access Permits process; the data collected from the permits; and  
12 the gun giveaway drawings.  
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#### 14 **Recommended 2018 Auction Tags:**

- 15 • Governor's Statewide Combination Hunt Tags: One (1) deer and One (1) elk
- 16 • Statewide Deer Hunts: Four (4) tags
- 17 • Statewide Elk Hunts: Four (4) tags

#### 18 **Recommended 2018 Raffle Tags:**

- 19 • Governor's Statewide Combination Hunt Tags: One (1) deer and One (1) elk
- 20 • Statewide Deer Hunt Tag: One (1) deer
- 21 • NE Oregon Deer Hunt Tag: One (1) deer
- 22 • SE Oregon Deer Hunt Tag: One (1) deer
- 23 • Central Oregon Deer Hunt Tag: One (1) deer
- 24 • NE Oregon Elk Hunt Tag: One (1) elk
- 25 • Central/SE Oregon Elk Hunt Tag: One (1) elk
- 26 • Western Oregon Elk Hun Tag: One (1) elk
- 27 • Statewide Elk Hunt Tag: One (1) elk

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

29 Isaac Sanders, A&H Program Coordinator provided an update of the current A&H  
30 Program Budget (refer to A&H packet).  
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#### 33 **Field Coordinator's Report**

34 Dave Nuzum gave a quick update on A&H projects on North Coast Wildlife District.  
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36 Dave Stoppel gave a quick update on A&H projects on South Willamette Wildlife  
37 District.  
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39 Vince Oredson gave a quick update on A&H projects on Rogue Wildlife District as well  
40 as announced his retirement from ODFW at the end of May 2017.  
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42 Nancy Breuner gave a quick update on the High Desert Region of the  
43 Deschutes/Klamath Wildlife District.  
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45 Tom Segal gave a quick update on High Desert Region of Malheur and Harney  
46 Counties.  
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1 **Project Proposals Review**

2 These project proposals are located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at  
3 links provided [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/april/april\\_11.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/april/april_11.asp):

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5 [2017-05 Troy Ranches Access](#)

6 Action:

7 Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. Candy Yow seconded the  
8 motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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10 [2017-06 MR King Ranches Access](#)

11 Action:

12 Candy Yow moved to approve the project as proposed. Doug Baily seconded the  
13 motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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15 [2017-07 New River Habitat](#)

16 Action:

17 Doug Baily moved to approve the project renewal as proposed. Dave Stiefvater  
18 seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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20 [2016-12 Mackenzie Access Amendment](#)

21 Action:

22 Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. Candy Yow seconded the  
23 motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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25 [2017-08 Otley Access](#)

26 Action:

27 Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. Candy Yow seconded the  
28 motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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30 [2017-09 Juhl/ Lawen Access](#)

31 Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. Doug Baily seconded the  
32 motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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34 [2017-10 Alvord Ranch Access](#)

35 Action:

36 Doug Baily moved to table the project proposal until revisions are made and presented  
37 during a teleconference meeting at a later date. Dave Stiefvater seconded the motion  
38 and the motion carried unanimously.

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40 [2017-11 Kuney Ranch Access](#)

41 Action:

42 Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. Candy Yow seconded the  
43 motion and the motion carried unanimously.

1 [2017-12 Bentz Access](#)

2 Action:

3 Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. Candy Yow seconded the  
4 motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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6 Acting Chair Dave Stiefvater adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm