



Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

Mon/Tue, July 17-18, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.
OR Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
4035 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

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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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Craig Ely, Chair	Doug Baily, <i>Board Member</i>
Dave Stiefvater, <i>Board Member</i>	Willie Bronson, <i>Board Member</i>
Alan Christensen, <i>Board Member</i>	Candy Yow, <i>Board Member</i>
Isaac Sanders, <i>ODFW</i>	Kevin Blakely, <i>ODFW</i>
Jo Davis, <i>ODFW</i>	Dave Nuzum, <i>ODFW</i>
Nancy Breuner, <i>ODFW</i>	David Stoppel, <i>ODFW</i>
Jon Paustian, <i>ODFW</i>	Doug Cottam, <i>ODFW</i>
Tom Segal, <i>ODFW</i>	Don Whittaker, <i>ODFW</i>
Mark Vargas, <i>ODFW</i>	Jennifer Bakke, <i>Hancock Forest Management</i>
Robert Bass, <i>Hancock Forest Management</i>	Jerry Anderson, <i>Hancock Forest Management</i>
Dan Beraldo, <i>RMEF</i>	Alan Day, <i>FNAWS</i>
Jim McWhorter, <i>SCI</i>	Mikal Moore, <i>NWTF</i>
John McCollum, <i>Eastern Wild Sheep</i>	Ken McCall, <i>OHA</i>
Jennifer Bohannon, <i>ODFW</i>	Ken Hand, <i>MDF</i>
Tammy Henrick, <i>Government Ethics Commission</i>	

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13 On Monday, July 17, 2017, at 8:00am, Chair Craig Ely, called the Access & Habitat
14 Board meeting to order.
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16 **Action:**

17 **Meeting Minutes Review**

18 Dave moved to approve the April 10-11, 2017 and April 25, 2017 meeting minutes.
19 Willie seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously 6:0.
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21 **Board Member Reports**

22 Candy Yow:

23 Candy went on a hunting safari in Africa. While in Africa she harvested 2 impalas, a
24 kudu, and a water buffalo. Had a record-breaking attendance on her Ladies Hunting
25 Camp this year in Oregon and Idaho. Candy also went on a scouting trip for big horn
26 sheep and started working on the video she is preparing for A&H Program.
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28 Doug Baily:

29 Doug have nothing relevant to report that is A&H related.

1 Willie Bronson:

2 Willie attended the Commission meeting in April in Klamath Falls representing the A&H
3 Board. Willie had a spring bear tag for the Wenaha Unit and saw a few bears and got
4 serenaded by the wolves. Willie attended the animal damage meetings in Philomath
5 and Adair Village.

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7 Alan Christensen:

8 Alan spent last week as a volunteer naturalist in the Tualatin River National Wildlife
9 Refuge outdoor school working with 4th and 5th graders. Alan went to Alaska and fished
10 for salmon and saw orcas, humpback whales, and sea otters.

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12 Dave Stiefvater:

13 Dave went turkey hunting in the Hancock property. He had a chance to visit with Ontario
14 City Manager about a project in the city property. He mentioned about creating a
15 wetland to manage black water from the city. There is a possibility that they might be
16 turning about 150 acres into a wetland. We will see how this progresses.

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18 Craig Ely:

19 Attended the Commission meeting in Salem to discuss the A&H grants. All grants were
20 approved as presented except the Alvord Access grant. The Commission approved that
21 project for a year only.

22 23 **A&H State Coordinator's Report**

24 Isaac Sanders, A&H Program Coordinator

25 Isaac talked about the Commission meeting schedule for the rest of the year and A&H
26 related topic that is on the Commission agenda (refer for Commission meeting website)
27 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/.](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/)

28 Next Board meeting is in October in La Grande. The Board will sign-up for auction
29 events and set the 2018 A&H meeting dates in this meeting.

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31 Isaac Sanders provided an update of the current A&H Program Budget (refer to A&H
32 packet) and website. <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/july/index.asp>

33 34 **Pittman-Robertson Funds**

35 Jennifer Bohannon, Wildlife Restoration Coordinator

36 Jennifer gave a brief history of the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 (Enabling
37 Legislation), it's purpose, distribution method, eligible grantees, source of funds, special
38 conditions or requirements and governing guidance.

39 <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/july/index.asp>

40 41 **State Ethics Commission Presentation**

42 Tammy Hendrick, Government Ethics Commission

43 Tammy gave a presentation about Oregon Government Ethics Law and what provisions
44 restricts some choices and actions of public officials.

45 <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/july/index.asp>

1 **Southwest Council Appointments**

2 Mark Vargas, Central Point District Biologist

3 Mark presented to the Board the two candidates for Southwest Hunter Representative
4 A&H Council member (refer to Board packet and A&H website for applicant's names).

5 <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/july/index.asp>.

6 Action:

7 Dave moved to approved James Leet's appointment as the hunter representative on the
8 A&H Southwest Council. Doug seconded the motion and the motion carried
9 unanimously 6.0.

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11 **Field Coordinator's Report**

12 Jon Paustian gave an update on the A&H projects on Northeast Region of the Grande
13 Ronde Wildlife District.

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15 Tom Segal gave a quick update on A&H projects on High Desert Region of Malheur and
16 Harney Counties.

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18 Nancy Breuner gave a quick update on the A&H projects High Desert Region of the
19 Deschutes/Klamath Wildlife District.

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21 Dave Stoppel gave a quick update on A&H projects on South Willamette Wildlife
22 District.

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24 Dave Nuzum gave a quick update on A&H projects on North Coast Wildlife District.

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26 **Project Proposals Review**

27 These project proposals are located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at
28 links provided <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/july/index.asp>

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30 **[Thirtymile Habitat \(Rattray Ranch\)](#)**

31 Action:

32 Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. Dave Stiefvater seconded
33 the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5.0. Alan Christensen abstained from
34 voting.

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36 **[Desolation Creek Open Fields Habitat](#)**

37 Action:

38 Dave Stiefvater moved to approve the project as proposed. Alan Christensen seconded
39 the motion and the motion passed unanimously 6.0.

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41 **[Hancock Forest Management Western Operations](#)**

42 Action:

43 The Board requested Hancock FM to work with the A&H North Coast Field Coordinator
44 and resubmit the proposal with information clearly separating habitat project with
45 access, add ODFW District Biologist letter of support, and more details to the proposal.

1 **Project Evaluation Form**

2 Discussion on A&H application review process including eligible projects, review criteria,
3 funding, and project implementation consideration.
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5 **Small Grants**

6 Isaac Sanders provided an update on the Small Grant Program (refer to A&H packet)
7 and website. Generally there will be less than \$40,000 per biennium dedicated to Small
8 Grants projects. There will be two grants periods, one of each year of the biennium.
9 Annual application period will be July through mid-September. The Regional Council will
10 evaluate and rank grant requests in their region. Projects must have the ODFW
11 District Wildlife Biologist's approval. The Board will score projects using evaluation form
12 and rank projects as January meeting. Funding will proceed down the list until funding is
13 exhausted.

14 <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/july/AH%20Small%20Grant.pdf>
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18 Board meeting to order.
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20 **Deer and Elk Raffle and Auction Tag Season**

21 Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator

22 Doug presented to the Board a public request for extension of Auction and Raffle Tag
23 Season Dates (refer to A&H packet and website). [Big Game Auction and Raffle Tag](#)
24 [Season Dates, Open Areas and Weapons](#), [Letter from David Bender](#)

25 <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2017/july/Letter from David Bender.pdf>
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27 The Board discussed the extension request and decided for Doug Cottam to present to
28 the Commission on the next meeting to change the start the Open Season of the raffle
29 and auction tags with the same time as archery season (check Big Game Regulations)
30 with the end date staying the same.
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32 **Sporting Groups Input and presentations for Auction Tags**

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- 34 • Jim McWhorter- Safari Club International (SCI)
35 Jim shared SCI's primary missions starting with conservation, hunter advocacy,
36 humanitarian services, and education. Jim would like to receive the A&H annual
37 report and would like to work with A&H to increase the exposures of the auction
38 tags.
 - 39 • Ken McCall – Oregon Hunters Association (OHA)
40 OHA members wants the access more than habitat. Demographic of the
41 members are older and would like the access to be easily reached with vehicles.
42 Members would be supportive of more vehicle access on Federal lands as well.
 - 43 • Mikal Moore – National Wild Turkey Federation, PNW (NWTF)
44 NWTF wants to remind the Board to remember the spring turkey season dates
45 when looking at A&H project proposals. Members desires as far as access goes
46 are places where wild turkey are abundant like Lane, Linn, Benton and Douglas
47 Counties.

- 1 • Tom Peterson and Alan Day – Oregon Foundation for North American Wild
2 Sheep (FNAWS)
3 Tom and Alan shared to the Board FNAWS activities that focus on wild sheep
4 population and health. The organization funds projects aimed at game
5 conservation, management, and protection. They often partner with ODFW to
6 give sheep and goat orientation classes for sheep tag holders to have them
7 ready for wild sheep hunting.
- 8 • Daniel Beraldo – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)
9 Daniel presented to the Board to the different activities and efforts of the
10 organization with their projects on land protection and access, habitat
11 enhancement, wildlife management, research, and hunting heritage and
12 conservation outreach.
- 13 • Ken Hand – Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)
14 Ken reported MDF Oregon chapter's activities on Mule Deer Initiative including
15 habitat work, predator control, and increased enforcement in all MDI units to
16 reduce disturbance to wintering mule deers.
- 17 • John McCollum – Eastern Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF, Eastern Chapter)
18 John McCollum's organization promotes the management and safeguard against
19 the extinction of wild sheep. They have received a pronghorn tag twice and a
20 deer tag from Access & Habitat Board in the past.

21 22 **Survey Card Drawing (A&H Access Area Daily Permit) for Gun Giveaway**

23 The access daily permit cards are used to collect data on hunter use, species, harvest
24 success and overall satisfaction of the hunting area. To encourage users to complete
25 the card a drawing of a firearm was initiated in 2012. The cards are collected by the
26 ODFW Field Coordinators and submitted to Salem Headquarters by the end of June to
27 be entered in the raffle in the A&H Board meeting in July. The 2017 Survey/Permit Card
28 Drawing winner of a hunting rifle is Steve Hedge. Four alternates were also picked. The
29 2017 gun was donated by
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31 **Board Allocation of Auction Tags**

32 Action:

33 Doug moved to allocate the 2018 Auction Big Game Hunt for Statewide Deer tags to:

- 34 • Mule Deer Foundation, National
- 35 • Mule Deer Foundation, Western Oregon Chapter
- 36 • National Wild Turkey Foundation
- 37 • Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

38 Willie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0
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40 Action:

41 Dave moved to allocate the 2018 Auction Big Game Hunt for Statewide Elk tags to:

- 42 • Oregon Hunters Association, Columbia Basin
- 43 • Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pendleton Chapter
- 44 • Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Eugene Chapter
- 45 • Safari Club International, Lewis and Clark Chapter

46 Candy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0
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1 Action:
2 Doug moved to allocate the 2018 Auction Big Game Hunt for Governor's Combination
3 tag to:

- 4 • Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon Chapter
- 5 Candy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6:0
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7 Discussion:
8 Willie reminded Isaac that the Board would like to know who Don allocates his tags to.
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11 **Next A&H Board Meeting:**
12 The next A&H Board meeting is on October 16 and 17 in La Grande. There will be a
13 field trip planned in this meeting. Board member's auction sign-up will be covered as
14 well as dates and location of all of the 2018 A&H Board meetings.
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16 Chair Craig Ely adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm
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