



# Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.  
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE  
Commission Room  
Salem, Oregon 97302

*This Access and Habitat Board meeting minutes is considered as a draft until approved by the Board.*

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Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Craig Ely, Board Chair	Kevin Blakely, ODFW
Dave Stiefvater, Board Member	Jo Morato, ODFW
Willie Bronson, Board Member	Jade Keehn, ODFW
Candy Yow, Board Member	Jon Paustian, ODFW
John Breese, Board Member (Phone)	Andrew Walch, ODFW
Nathan Bailey, Board Member	Colin Tierney, ODFW
Jim McWhorter, Safari Club International	Tom Peterson, FNAWS
Ken Hand, Mule Deer Foundation	Alan Day, FNAWS
Nathan Ulrich, Columbia Land Trust	Wayne Endicott, Oregon Bow Hunters
Daniel Beraldo, Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation	Jason Preston, National Wild Turkey Fed.
Donald South, OR Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS)	Bryan Cook, Oregon Hunters Association
	Ken McCall, Oregon Hunters Association

## MEETING

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 8:00a.m., Craig Ely called the Access and Habitat Board meeting to order.

### Action:

#### Meeting Minutes Review

Dave Stiefvater moved to approve the April 9-10, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Willie Bronson seconded the motion and motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

#### Board Members Update

Candy Yow: Candy is busy with the NW Ladies Hunting Camp this month. The hunting camp offers women classes to help with their hunting skills. Candy also went bear hunting but only saw a bear from far away.

David Stiefvater:

David heard from former A&H Board member Doug Bailey. Doug drew a goat tag and his son a sheep tag and extended an invitation to Dave to join them hunting in the Elkhorn unit. Dave went on several trips with his family this summer.

1 Willie Bronson:  
2 Willie had a spring bear tag, saw lots of bears in the Wenaha. He also went turkey hunting  
3 and a fishing trip in the west side of Vancouver Island. Fishing was great with limits on Chinook  
4 plus some nice Coho.

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6 Craig Ely:  
7 Craig has been spending the summer gardening and putting up hay and did a horse pack trip.  
8 He also drew an elk tag in the Minam Unit.

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10 Nathan Bailey:  
11 Nathan went bear hunting and saw 4 bears in one spot but didn't shoot. He has been keeping  
12 himself busy guiding fishing trips.

### 13 **A&H Program and Budget Reports**

14 Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

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17 Kevin presented the A&H budget to the Board. The budget files are located in the Board  
18 packet materials and can be viewed at links provided:

19 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2018/July/index.asp>

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21 Kevin mentioned the recruitment for the A&H Coordinator position. Craig Ely asked Kevin to  
22 include one of the Board members to the panel of interviewers for the Coordinator position.  
23 Kevin also played the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) conference  
24 "Welcome to Oregon" video that was presented to the attendees of the 2018 WAFWA  
25 conference in Eugene on July 13 – 17, 2018. Oregon is the host state for this year's WAFWA  
26 conference. Kevin discussed the new position in ODFW for tourism/recreation. ODFW did an  
27 economic input by county for hunting/fishing and public-related wildlife viewing and the result  
28 is a big driver in creating this multi-faceted position that will focus on recreation.

### 29 30 **2019 Auction Tags Allocations**

31 Oregon Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Tom Peterson

32 Tom mentioned that the Oregon FNAWS has been active for 19 years in Oregon. They are a  
33 smaller group with 300 members. They are involved in the conservation, propagation and  
34 intensive management of wild sheep and mountain goat populations and their habitat in  
35 Oregon. Their 2018 auction tags received a high price.

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37 Safari Club International, Jim McWhorter

38 Jim mentioned that SCI has always been the leader in protecting the freedom to hunt and  
39 promote wildlife conservation. SCI are educators and humanitarians and have several  
40 programs supporting classes that promotes outdoor lifestyle such as hunting and recreation.  
41 SCI collaborate with other organizations like RMEF in researching wildlife diseases, donates  
42 meat to foodbanks and hospitals and has a military appreciation program. Jim asked the  
43 Board to consider allocating the tags on a two-year period so the sportsman's group will have  
44 enough time on building up the campaign to advertise the tag on national level. Jim added  
45 that there should be a contingent that the sporting groups will do advertisement and campaign  
46 for these tags.

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1 Craig Ely would like to add the two-year period tag allocation on the October 2018 meeting  
2 on the agenda to start the discussion.

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4 Mule Deer Foundation, Ken Hand

5 Ken mentioned that MDF banquets are heavily attended and 2018 deer tags auctioned at  
6 National for \$39,000 and \$43,400 for the Linn-Benton Chapter. Ken also asked the Board to  
7 consider splitting the black-tailed and white-tailed tags.

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9 Craig Ely would like to add the splitting of the black-tailed and white-tailed deer tags on the  
10 October 2018 meeting agenda to start the discussion.

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12 Oregon Bow Hunters, Wayne Endicott

13 Wayne mentioned that OBH has been active since 1954 in conservation and cooperation with  
14 ODFW. They have recently acquired their 501(c)(3) non-profit status and eligible to receive  
15 auction tags from the A&H program. They offer tournament and classes for kids. Last year  
16 they had 175 kids participated in their indoor shoot. They have a good banquet planned in  
17 Redmond and always employ a professional auctioneer. They have good relationship with  
18 their bidders and promote heavily on social media.

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20 National Wild Turkey Federation, Jason Preston

21 Jason mentioned that the NWTF allocate significant amount of their funds to habitat  
22 restoration and wildlife conservation projects. They have dedicated staff handling the bidders  
23 at their auction and have an excellent auctioneer.

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25 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Dan Beraldo

26 Dan mentioned the RMEF would like to receive the Governor's Combination tag this year,  
27 either for their Corvallis or John Day Chapter. Preferably the Corvallis Chapter but would  
28 accept anything the Board will allocate.

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30 **Action:**

31 Dave moved to allocate the 2019 Auction Big Game Hunt for Statewide Deer tags to:

- 32 • Oregon Bow Hunters
- 33 • Mule Deer Foundation, National
- 34 • National Wild Turley Foundation, Central Oregon Chapter
- 35 • Safari Club International, Lewis & Clark Chapter

36 Nathan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6.0

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38 **Action:**

39 Candy moved to allocate the 2019 Auction Big Game Hunt for Statewide Elk tags to:

- 40 • Oregon Hunters Association, State
- 41 • Oregon Hunters Association, Redmond Chapter
- 42 • Oregon Hunters Association, Yamhill County Chapter
- 43 • Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Corvallis Chapter

44 Willie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6.0

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**Action:**

Dave moved to allocate the 2019 Auction Big Game Hunt for Governor's Combination tag to:

- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, John Day Chapter

Nathan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6.0

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comment at this time.

**A&H Access Daily Permit Gun Raffle Drawing**

The gun raffle drawing was postponed until further notice.

**Regional Advisory Council Appointments**

Deschutes/Klamath Council:

Roger Smith, Hunter Representative

**Action:** John moved to appoint Roger Smith as a hunter representative. Willie seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

Andrew Walch mentioned that Deschutes/Klamath Regional Council is still recruiting for two landowner positions.

Northeast Council:

Doug Hopper, Landowner

Chris Panike, Landowner

Kurt Bowman, Landowner, Hunter

Calvin Davis, Hunter

John Group, Hunter, reappointment

Thomas Baker, Hunter

Robert Mills, Hunter

Kenneth Shelton, Hunter

**Action:** Willie moved to appoint Doug Hopper, Chris Panike, Calvin Davis, and John Groupe to the council. Nathan seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

Jon Paustian mentioned that all applicants are excellent candidates and would have done a good job as NE advisory council members.

**Project Applications Review**

These project proposals are located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at links provided: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2018/July/index.asp>

Larch Creek Habitat Conservation

This project would contribute in acquiring 1,945 acres of mule deer, elk, and turkey habitat for permanent habitat conservation. The property is currently for sale and dividable by zoning into 10 residential parcels.

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2 Nathan Bailey asked how long the public access is going to be allowed. Nathan Ulrich of  
3 Columbia Land Trust said indefinitely. If the Columbia Land Trust (CLT) dissolves, the land  
4 will be given to the state. Willie asked what would happen if CLT sell the property in the  
5 future. Nathan U. said that the CLT will not sell the property, cannot sell the property. There  
6 is the "Deed of Right Title". Craig Ely asked Kevin Blakely to ask ODFW legal counsel about  
7 the Deed of Right for this property. Kevin said that OWEB granted CLT the majority of the  
8 funding for this land purchase and OWEB is a sister agency with ODFW, he will have a  
9 conversation with OWEB about the continuing hunting access to this land. Craig wanted to  
10 know if the county has been consulted. Nathan U. said yes, he has been in contact with the  
11 county commissioner Steve Kramer. The county want CLT to pay taxes. Land trusts pay  
12 some taxes including fire assessment taxes. Craig asked about future timber harvest on this  
13 property. Nathan U. said that OWEB does not want timber to be the priority in this property,  
14 it has to be mostly stewardship. Craig encourages CLT to pay taxes to the counties.

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16 **Action:** Dave moved to approve the Larch Creek Habitat Conservation project as proposed.  
17 Nathan Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

#### 18 19 Jackson Access & Cooperative Travel Management Area (JACTMA)

20 This project is a continuation that started in 1995 and allows continued sportsman use of  
21 Hancock Forest Management, Murphy Timber Investments, LLC, and Lone Rock Resources  
22 lands. This project also includes public lands manage by the Army Corps of Engineers,  
23 BLM, and State of Oregon. Road closures and law enforcement presence will increase  
24 wildlife habitat effectiveness, reduce disturbance to deer and elk on important winter range,  
25 and reduce soil erosion, road maintenance, vandalism, forest fires, timber theft, and illegal  
26 dumping.

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28 **Action:** Dave moved to approve the Jackson Access & Cooperative Travel Management  
29 Area (JACTMA) as proposed. Nathan seconded the motion. The motion was carried  
30 unanimously 6-0.

#### 31 32 Territorial Youth Hunt

33 This project will allow access to between 10 and 13 your deer hunters per year to hunt one  
34 black-tailed deer during weekends in November. Youths and accompanying adult(s) must  
35 register with the landowner, agree to conditions of access, and check-in with a local security  
36 guard prior to accessing the property. This project ends in 2021.

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38 **Action:** Dave moved to approve the Territorial Youth Hunt as proposed. Candy seconded  
39 the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

#### 40 41 **Regional Coordinators Reports**

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43 Jade Keehn: Southwest Region, Central Point

44 Jade is assisting with Hancock Forest Management NW of habitat work. The C2 Ranch will  
45 be proposing a renewal on this next Board meeting in October, they are doing tons of  
46 habitat restoration work. Jade harvested her very first turkey.

1 Andrew Walch: East Region, Bend  
2 Andrew talked about the wildlife in The Dalles last week that has burnt 8,000 acres so far.  
3 NRCS will ask the Board for reseeding grant in October. Andrew is always working on the  
4 Lake County juniper in-mate lopper project and Klamath District aspen fencing, both are  
5 A&H small grant projects. There is a new landowner in the Metolius unit who wants to sign  
6 up with A&H. Andrew will be talking to ODFW archeologist about this if needed. Andrew  
7 mentioned the Dixie Meadow and Aspen Valley hunts that will be opening on August 1.

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9 Jon Paustian: Northeast Region, La Grande

10 Jon handed out to the Board a local newspaper article that John Groupe (Northeast  
11 Advisory Council Member reappointed today) wrote about A&H program. John is a huge  
12 advocate of the A&H program. The Hancock Forest Management NE lost a position so Jon  
13 is helping out filling the kiosks with maps and other materials. There are lots of little fires in  
14 the region, it still too early to tell how bad this fire season is going to be. Jon has 2 small  
15 grants projects, two landowners doing fencing in the Catherine Creek Unit.

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17 Craig wanted to know if the Coordinators will generate a report for all these small grants.  
18 Jon said yes, they have the ability to generate a report. Dave wants to know if Hancock  
19 property will close because of wildfire. Jon said he is anticipating it.

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21 Colin Thierney: South Willamette Region

22 Colin reported that there is still one landowner advisory council position open in his area. A  
23 hunter representative will be removed. They are looking into some small grant projects.

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25 **OTHER BUSINESS AND DISCUSSIONS**

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27 Chair Craig Ely adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.