

1 forfeited her hunting season to accompany a friend in the Wenaha unit, who harvested a bull
2 on A&H lands. After the meeting, she will leaving for hunts in Utah.

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4 Nate Bailey:

5 Absent.

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7 John Breese (via phone):

8 Several bucks were taken off his by permission hunting land this year. He reports seeing a
9 good number of deer in his units, which is promising.

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11 Amy Patrick:

12 Amy has been working officially on staff with OHA, and promoting the A&H program as often
13 as she can. She is hoping to get the A&H program in the ODFW booth at the sportsman's
14 show in Portland this coming year.

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16 Craig Ely:

17 Craig missed the last meeting attending a pack trip in Hells Canyon. He has recently been
18 helping the local OHA chapter for women's pheasant hunt that they sponsor and purchase
19 birds for.

20 21 **A&H Program and Budget Reports**

22 Tom Thornton, ODFW Game Program Manager

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24 Tom presented the A&H budget to the Board. The budget files are located in the Board
25 packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:

26 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>
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28 Discussion followed on the current budget, allocations, forecasts, and projects that are under
29 review today. The Aspen Valley Ranch project that came before the board in July, has been
30 withdrawn as the land owner was able to complete the burning in time to utilize Open Fields
31 Funding. Tom noted that the board may consider lowering the amount currently in reserve.

32 33 **2020 Auction Protocol and Sign Up**

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35 The board selected the auctions that they will be attending this coming spring, conscious that
36 they may need to make alterations due to Nathan Bailey's absence.

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38 There was discussion about the auction protocol and what is required from board members
39 and the sportsmen groups at the events. The board determined what supplies they would like
40 to bring to the events, and requested that Mary Newcomb have the updated advertisements
41 for their review at the January meeting.

42 43 **2020 Board Meetings and Locations**

44 The board discussed which regions and projects they would like to see, and selected the
45 dates for the 2020 A&H Board Meetings. Dates can be found at the following link:

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47 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2019/October/index.asp>
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1 It was also discussed that the January meeting consist of a Monday afternoon meeting to go
2 over administrative and finance, and Tuesday morning to be devoted to project review.

3 4 **Public Comment**

5 No public comment.

6 7 **Northwest Regional Council Proposal**

8 David Stroppel, Regional Coordinator

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10 David proposed the board combine the North and South Willamette Regional Councils into
11 the Northwest Regional Council. The proposal stems from a consistent lack of board
12 membership in both of the regions. It is hoped that the combining of the regions will allow for
13 a larger pool of candidates with more projects for them to review.

14 15 16 **Project Applications Review**

17 These project proposals are located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at
18 links provided:

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

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21 Green Diamond Resource Company

22 Presented by Andrew Walch

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24 **Action:** Dave Stiefvater moved to approve the project as proposed. Candy Yow seconded
25 the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

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27 Columbia Plateau Cooperative Habitat Initiative

28 Presented by Jon Paustian

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30 This a renewal project intended to help address habitat related decline of mule deer and
31 upland game bird populations in the Columbia Plateau. The project has great acceptance by
32 private landowners and cooperating agencies. Previously, A&H funds have been used for
33 habitat, equipment, and seed. This renewal does include new language for A&H funds to be
34 used for vehicle repair costs. The total project cost is \$805,000, with \$75,000 being asked
35 from A&H over the course of three years.

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37 **Action:** Amy Patrick moved to approve the project as proposed. Willie Bronson seconded
38 the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

39 40 **Regional Coordinator Reports:**

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42 Jon Paustian: Northeast Council, La Grande

43 Forsea Ranch is continuing the legal battle with the county pertaining to a road that runs
44 through the property. The ranch is no longer willing to consider participation in the A&H
45 program in the future due to changes they have made as a result of the legal battle. This
46 issue with the county is projected to affect two other projects in the A&H program as well.

1 There has been significant elk damage on private lands in the region, and Jon anticipates
2 he will have some habitat restoration projects coming before the board this coming year.

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4 David Stroppel: South Willamette Council, Corvallis

5 The Open Fields projects in his region have increased acreage significantly which has kept
6 him plenty busy. He has a few applications to join the new Northwest Regional Council and
7 hopes to have a full board.

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9 David will be bringing forward the Weyerhaeuser Access project for the board to review in
10 January. The application requests \$0.90/acre for 211,000 acres for year-round access. 15%
11 of the proposed funds would go towards habitat work with the Siletz Tribe. Additional patrol
12 and enforcement costs are not included in the \$0.90/acre.

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14 Willamette Private Lands will also be brought before the board in January.

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16 Dave Nuzum: North Willamette Council, Tillamook

17 He has had two coordination meetings for the North Coast TMA. Things have gone
18 smoothly this year for the TMA, including a better fire season. A&H Funds were used for trail
19 cameras to help OSP with their surveillance.

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21 Previous North Willamette Regional Council members have been contacted with several
22 showing interest in applying for the new Northwest Regional Council.

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24 Andrew Walch: Deschutes/Klamath Council, Bend

25 The Aspen Valley burning went well. There was anticipated frustration from hunters that
26 there was a burn the first week of deer season, but the district was able to give advance
27 notice and it was well received by the public.

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29 Jade Keehn: Southwest Council, Central Point

30 The Jackson TMA has started patrol for the year with the same OSP officer as last year. He
31 has reported enjoying working for the program and is looking forward to the use of a new
32 trail camera. Waterfowl season is off to a great start, with many hunters reaching their daily
33 bag limit. C2 Ranches blackberry treatments are underway and also going well. There has
34 been movement of BLM lands to the local tribes and it is not yet clear how those lands will
35 be managed or utilized by the tribes.

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37 Tom Segal: Southeast Council, Ontario

38 Tom had the pleasure of holding the State Commission meeting in Ontario, last week. He
39 was able to show the commission a few A&H properties which they enjoyed. He has one
40 land owner in the Beulah unit with 4,000 acres interested in the program. A&H does not
41 currently have any projects in the Beulah unit.

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43 **ADJOURNMENT:**

44 Chairman Craig Ely adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.