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2 John Breese, Landowner Representative

3 Rather successful deer hunting has been done on his property, with an increase in the local
4 population. Several youth hunters have been out to enjoying the hunt. He plans to elk hunt
5 in the next few weeks.

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7 Amy Patrick, Hunter Representative

8 The fires came close to Amy's property in Sublimity, but thankfully did not make it all the
9 way there. She continues her work with OHA.

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11 Craig Ely, Chairman

12 Craig's neighbor has changed his grazing lease and is considering adding it into the A&H
13 program. Has gotten feedback that Hancock is charging up to \$200 for camping on their
14 lands and would like to hear more about how the program would like to proceed with such
15 matters.

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17 **Thank You to Dave Stiefvater**

18 Previous Vice-Chair, Dave Stiefvater joined the meeting as a member of the public. He
19 hosted great youth pheasant hunt that was received very well by the public and the young
20 hunters. He echoed concerns of Hancock camping fee charges. Without a doubt, Dave will
21 continue the great habitat and conservation work he does here in Oregon, and says he has
22 appreciated the last 8 years on this board.

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24 **A&H Program & Budget Reports**

25 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

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

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

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30 The Commission approved the proposal to increase the minimum bid amounts for the A&H
31 deer and elk raffle tags. Travis is starting the new biennium report. He also anticipates there
32 will be the need for an emergency fire seeding (EFS) teleconference meeting. Any EFS
33 project approved by the board will go immediately to the Director's Office for review, and
34 does not go to Commission.

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36 Travis gave overview of timeline for projects and advise on when to submit in order for
37 project to be able to start on time.

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39 Discussion followed on the current budget, allocations, forecasts, enforcement and
40 individual projects. Additional discussion on forecasted budget changes due to savings from
41 lack of ability to travel. Chairman Ely would like to know if we can allocate those unused
42 funds back to the field for use.

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44 License sales are high and we are now anticipating the forecasts to be higher than previous
45 expectations. Lone Pine and Coyote Access Areas both declined to sign the agreements
46 stating they had concerns about public access. Additionally, the Heppner Regulated Hunt
47 Area start date was incorrect in application and is now reflecting accurately in reports.

1 **2021 Auction Update and Board Sign Up**

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3 The board reviewed the auction dates and discussion followed on the uncertainty of Covid-
4 19 and how it may effect the auctions again this year. It is anticipated that all auctions will be
5 held, but that flexibility with our tag sponsors will be necessary. Discussion followed on
6 whether or not it is too soon to decide if board member auction attendance.
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8 **Motion:** Amy Patrick moved to table scheduling to January meeting. Willie Bronson
9 seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.
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11 **2021 A&H Board Meeting Locations and Dates**

12 Discussion on locations, meeting guidelines and dates was held. Considerations included
13 anticipated travel ability and the cancelling of in person meetings this last year.
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15 January 19, 2021 Teleconference
16 April 12-13, 2021 tentatively in La Grande, OR
17 July 12-13, 2021 tentatively in Salem, Oregon
18 October 18-19, 2021 tentatively in Prineville, OR
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20 **Motion:** Willie Bronson moved to accept the dates and locations above for the 2021 A&H
21 Board meeting locations and schedule. Candy Yow seconded the motion. Motion passed
22 unanimously 4-0.
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24 **Access Permit Raffle**

25 Bryan Cook, OHA
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27 Oregon Hunters Association's Redmond Chapter is sponsoring a pair of Leupold binoculars
28 for 1st place, and a Cuddeback Moonlit IR trail camera for 2nd place for this year's Access
29 Permit Raffle.
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31 Due to Covid-19 safety measures, the drawing was done by Mary Newcomb, at ODFW
32 headquarters.
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34 1st place went to Jay Hutchinson of Sandy, Oregon who hunted at Dixie Meadows.
35 2nd place went to Justin Hendricks of Vale, Oregon who hunted in Ontario.
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37 Discussion followed on increasing signage on filling out access permits to increase
38 participation. A&H thanks OHA for their continued support of the program and for
39 sponsoring such prizes to our participating hunters.
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41 **Regional Council Appointment**

42 Dylan Edwards, Southwest Regional Coordinator

43 Ted Birdseye, Landowner Representative for the Southwest Regional Council has applied to
44 renew his appointment.
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46 The board reviewed the application and discussed the needs of the regional council.
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1 **Motion:** John Breese moved to approve Ted Birdseye for the A&H Southwest Regional
2 Council. Amy Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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4 **Public Comment:** None.

5 **Project Applications Review**

6 These project proposals are located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the
7 following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>

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9 C2 Ranch Habitat

10 Dylan Edwards, Regional Coordinator

11 This is a continuation of a project that was started in 2007 and proposes to improve wildlife
12 habitat and provide public hunting. Habitat improvement will consist of removing invasive
13 Himalayan blackberry from pasture, mowing decadent buckbrush to promote new growth,
14 seeding new pasture for wildlife forage, and fertilizing pastures. Hunting will consist of 5
15 unguided adult archery deer hunts (each for 3 days), 5 guided youth deer rifle hunts (1 day
16 each) and 6 spring turkey hunts (2 days each, first day guided), for two seasons (2021-22
17 and 2022-23).

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19 At the completion of A&H Grant 2016-14, about 260 acres of buckbrush have been cut for
20 forage improvement since 2007, and ranch employees have observed large numbers of
21 deer using these treated areas. About 1,400 acres of blackberry treatment have taken place
22 since 2007.

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25 **Motion:** Amy Patrick moved to approve the renewal project as proposed. Candy Yow
26 seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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28 New River

29 Dylan Edwards, Regional Coordinator

30 This is a renewal of a project that began in 2007. This project proposes to allow by-
31 permission waterfowl hunting on 3,540 acres owned by five landowners, plus access to 500
32 acres of BLM, near Bandon. This project is for 2 seasons: 2021-22 and 2022-23. This
33 project started in 2007 in response to a severe goose damage problem. The New River
34 project has been successful in reducing damage and providing public hunting.

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36 **Motion:** Willie Bronson moved to approve the project as proposed. John Breese seconded
37 the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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39 J Spear Ranch Emergency Fire Seeding

40 Andrew Walch, Deschutes Regional Coordinator

41 John Muir, District Wildlife Biologist, Lakeview

42 This emergency fire seeding project is to help address a burn of 8,177 acres with the
43 seeding of 7,100 acres.

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45 Pending application results, the ranch already has seed on hold and a helicopter contracted.
46 The helicopter costs are landowner match.

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48 Discussion followed on the seed type, plans and the habitat needs.

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2 **Motion:** Candy Yow moved to approve the project as proposed. Willie Bronson seconded
3 the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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5 **Regional Coordinators Report**

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7 Andrew Walch, Deschutes Regional Coordinator

8 Buck hunting went well, and he has been working on the White River Wildlife Area (WRWA)
9 fire and habitat plans. Andrew may have an emergency fire seeding applicant; the property
10 is adjacent to WRWA. The hope is to seed the WRWA and its neighbor at the same time,
11 reducing contractor costs. Additionally, he has a few new landowners considering the A&H
12 program.

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14 Jon Paustian, Northeast Regional Coordinator

15 Coyote and Lone Pine Access Areas declined to sign the contracts due to concerns about
16 public access. He's heard a lot from hunters about Hancock Forest Management (HFM)
17 closures. Due to HFM's fire policy of keeping one level above that of ODF, it has caused
18 camping closures and is anticipated to effect the local hunting. HFM this year has
19 implemented 25 fee camping sites; 8 inside TMA's. Fees range from \$100-350 per night.
20 These sites remained open even through the camping closures, in spite of ODF
21 recommendation on fire level. Jon states that the public has been displeased with this and
22 anticipates public comment/concerns/complaints when the project goes for renewal.

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24 Dylan Edwards, Southwest Regional Coordinator

25 Dylan has been quite busy working on fire recovery efforts in the area as well, with over
26 20,000 acres having been effected. He also anticipates having an emergency fire seeding
27 application before the board shortly.

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29 David Stoppel, Northwest Regional Coordinator

30 The Northwest regional council just met and voted on a hunter representative that will go
31 before the board in January, leaving just one landowner representative vacancy. He
32 continues to work with Hancock on their west side project, expected to go before board in
33 January as well. Hancock is selling 85,000 acres to Weyerhaeuser, and going forward
34 Weyerhaeuser would like to take approx. 10,000 of this land for fee access hunting. More
35 details will be available by January. He too has been busy dealing with fires in his district,
36 which has about \$30,000 for reseeding. Currently has about 600 acres planning to utilize
37 the funds, but he is waiting to hear from other parts of the district.

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39 Tom Segal, Southeast Regional Coordinator

40 Tom has met with several interested landowners. One in particular would provide good elk
41 hunting opportunity and they are working on his application. The Indian Creek fire largely
42 effected mule deer winter range and sage grouse habitat. He will be using small grants
43 funds for some reseeding and weed deterrent. He will have several renewals coming before
44 the board this spring as well.

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46 **ADJOURNMENT:**

47 Chairman Craig Ely adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.