



# Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE  
Salem, Oregon 97302

1 *This*  
2 *Access and Habitat Board meeting minutes is considered as a draft until approved by the*  
3 *Board.*  
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5 Notice of these meetings had been published through Oregon Transparency Website and  
6 ODFW Website. <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>,  
7 <http://www.oregon.gov/transparency/Pages/PublicMeetingNotices.aspx>  
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9 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Craig Ely, Board Chair	Shaienne Green, ODFW
John Breese, Board Member	Travis Schultz, ODFW
Amy Patrick, Board Member	Tom Segal, ODFW
Morgan Olson, Board Member	Jon Paustian, ODFW
Nic Callero, Board Member	Jason Kirchner, ODFW
David Stroppel, ODFW	Michelle Metcalf, Weyerhaeuser
Brian Wolfer, ODFW	Scott Marlega, Weyerhaeuser

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11 **MEETING**

12 On Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 6:41 p.m. Chairman Craig Ely called the Access and  
13 Habitat (A&H) Board meeting to order.

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15 **A&H Program & Budget Reports**

16 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

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

19 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>  
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21 Discussion followed on the current budget, allocations, forecasts,  
22 This year has proved to be a very good year for Auction and Raffle tag sales.  
23 The A&H account is in great standing.  
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25 **Project Application Review**

26 This project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the  
27 following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>  
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29 **2021-23 Weyerhaeuser Access Area**

30 David Stroppel

31 This project will provide public Welcome to Hunt access to approximately 88,957 acres of  
32 Managed Forest, primarily in Lincoln, Yamhill, and Tillamook counties. The proposal is for  
33 \$88,957 annually. The application asked for 5 years of funding, the values listed above are  
34 for 3 years of Open Fields funding. Access would be a combination of motorized and non-  
35 motorized use. Non-motorized would be allowed in all areas of the access area. Motorized  
36 access would be allowed on open roads through designated gates. During designated fire  
37 season as declared by ODF; motorized access will be open roads under Industrial Fire

1 Precaution Level (IFPL) 1 and 2 and all roads closed to driving on IFPL 3 and 4.  
2 Walk in is allowed under IFPL 1-3. All public access is closed under IFPL 4. Weyerhaeuser  
3 will maintain the road system, gates, and signs for the access area.  
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5 This area was previously managed by Hancock Forest Management (FM) and part of the  
6 Hancock FM Westside Access project. The lands were purchased by Weyerhaeuser in  
7 2018 and 2020. Several large contiguous holdings that were part of the Hancock Access  
8 project will be converted to Weyerhaeuser's fee access program.  
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10 Michelle Metcalf and Scott Marlega from Weyerhaeuser shared a presentation with the Board  
11 and staff with an overview of the project, and how the funds will be utilized.

12 Michelle noted that this will allow access to very popular recreation areas that were not  
13 accessible before. Weyerhaeuser staff is excited to work with ODFW and hopes to continue  
14 partnership with the agency.  
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16 Jason Kirchner expressed that he supports this project, and believes it would be good  
17 for locals, and the many people that travel to the coast to recreate in these areas. Morgan  
18 Olson also added that this will be helpful for the upcoming regulations changes with a good  
19 majority of the east side moving to a draw only, which could lead to more people purchasing  
20 a general season tag and hunting the coast, so this will allow more access area for hunters.  
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22 Nic Callero had questions for Weyerhaeuser staff in regard to the area outside of the lease  
23 being a fee permit area that is not a part of the project. It used to be open to the public to  
24 hunt in years past, and he wonders if this may cause confusion to hunters who may not be  
25 aware that a permit is required to access that area.  
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27 Michelle noted that Weyerhaeuser is diligent in putting up signs for the public to see, that  
28 will let them know whether or not an area requires a permit.  
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30 John Breese asked if the properties had been logged, and about the habitat. Weyerhaeuser  
31 staff said it has very good growing ground, and lots of habitat for various types of big game.  
32 Chairman Ely asked questions about camping. Michelle with Weyerhaeuser said they do not  
33 allow camping with these types of proposals, or anything that is outside of their permit  
34 areas.  
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36 **Motion:** Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. Amy Patrick seconded  
37 the motion. Motion carried unanimously 5-0  
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39 The Board asked about upcoming board meeting dates, and noted that the July will most  
40 Likely not be an in-person meeting. Travis said he will email the Board the upcoming dates.  
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42 **Adjournment:**

43 Chairman Craig Ely adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.