



Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

April 9th, 2024
River House Convention Center

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:

Candy Yow, Vice Chair	Travis Schultz, ODFW
Ron Borisch, Board Member	Marcus Thompson, ODFW
John Breese, Board Member	Jessica Clark, ODFW
Morgan Olson, Board Member	David Stroppel, ODFW (Remote)
Nic Callero, Board Member	Tom Segal, ODFW (Remote)
Jeff McNerney, Board Member	Brian Wolfer, ODFW (Remote)

Meeting

On Monday, April 25, 2023, at 8:04 a.m. Vice Chair Candy Yow called the Access and Habitat Board meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes Review

The minutes from the January 16, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Morgan Olson moved to approve the minutes as written. John Breese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Board Member Reports

Morgan Olson, Hunter Representative

He finished attending the OHA chapter banquet in January- Minem celebration for the Minem association. He is working with the forest service for Hells Canyon and Eagle Cap sign management over the next couple of years. Winter in NE Oregon, winter was wet not a lot of snow spring is definitely upon us!

Nic Callero, Hunter Representative

Nic is working with a nonprofit on a few legislative processes for wildlife crossings that have been signed into law. He is currently working on similar bills in Montana, Nevada and in Idaho. He is working with BLM to help revise wildlife data and is getting ready to do some spring fishing!

Candy Yow, Hunter Representative

Candy has not a lot as far as camps go. Randy tore his bicep, so Candy has been helping build houses. Candy got asked to do a lady's day out at the Portland show, they had 150 ladies show up. Amy had a table there for the new OHA ladies group. In June Candy is starting a new camp. ELK Camp is June 28th – 30th open to men and women, youth camp July 19-21 and ladies camp July 25-28th.

1 Jeff McNerney, Landowner Representative

2 As a fruit farmer out of hood river once we get to April everything is busy in the farming world. It
3 has been a good season for farming. We had an artic freeze event in mid-January wiping out a
4 Washington cherry crop. Wildlife should be good after this warmer spring start. Spring is here in
5 hood river.
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7 John Breese Landowner Representative

8 John has spent his time working on the ranch. It's been a good year, they had a A&H project several
9 years ago where they cut 650 acres of juniper trees. They have started to get juniper piles together to
10 burn this winter, it was a mild wet winter, so they got mudded out early. Got some piles burned and
11 seeds in ground. They are in severe drought; central Oregon had a lot of pine trees that were stressed
12 out. – potential beetle infestation. Turkeys are coming back in and youth hunters are coming in next
13 Saturday and Sunday 4/12~ and we have been seeing quite a few deer.
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15 Ron Borsich, Landowner Representative

16 Chasing the snow up the mountain, snow has hampered their operations, have replaced 2 farmer gates
17 that were damaged during last hunt season they have up graded the gates and are working with the
18 lane county enforcement to get info on additional patrols for the area. Worked on removing burnt
19 trees in a few areas spent over 25k on opening roads for hunting access. Ron attended the auction for
20 deer tag at the Oregon Bow Hunters banquet.
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22 **A&H Budget Report**

23 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

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

27 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/April/Board_packet_April_2024%20.pdf
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30 **Auction and Raffle Update**

31 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

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33 Travis presented the current raffle sales to the Board and discussed the ad campaign for the raffle this
34 year. The raffle and auction update files are located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed
35 at the following link:

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38 **2024 Raffle and Auction Hunts**

39 Travis Schultz

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41 There are no proposed changes to the auction and raffle hunts for 2025, a combo deer and elk hunt for
42 both the auction and raffle, the same one statewide and 3 regional hunts for deer and elk raffles and
43 four statewide deer and elk auction tags. The proposed 2025 auction and raffle hunts are located in
44 the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:

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47 **Public Comment**

48 No public comments.

1 **October Meeting in Enterprise**

2 Jon Paustian would like to move the October meeting from Baker City to show the projects occurring
3 in northeast Oregon. Morgan Olson moved to move the October A&H meeting from Baker City to
4 Enterprise, Jeff McNerney seconded, passed 6:0.

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6 **Project Review**

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8 Project review **Alvord Access Area** – presented by Landon Hardt regional coordinator, the area has
9 been enrolled in A&H since 2007, provides access to 3,500 acres of private property and provides
10 access to +16k acres of BLM land that would be inaccessible without this access area. Recreationists
11 and hunters use this area. Two kiosks, one on each side and check in is required. Renewed through
12 2024-2027 total cost is \$54,915.

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14 Motion to approve Made by Nic Callero Seconded by Morgan Olson – all in favor.

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16 **Metolius Winter Range Acquisition** – This is a land acquisition funds are being asked for to be
17 reimbursed to the landowner regarding purchase of the property – this would be also in partnership
18 with forest services. USFS has started the acquisition process, estimated cost \$425,000, A&H request
19 of \$200,000, RMEF has contributed \$25,000 and NFWF has contributed to \$199,998.

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21 Motion to approve made by Nic Callero as approved Seconded by Ron Borisch, Morgan Olson
22 abstained – all other approved 5 yes and one abstain.

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25 **Northwest Regional Coordinator Report**

26 David Stoppel – Coordinator for NW region, This is his busy time for recruiting starting from back
27 in December they brought in a habitat intern. David is happy to train them at the EOM he will have a
28 new seasonal assistant for mitigation program. He is excited to fill a NRS 2 position. Last week was
29 the last week to submit PR grants. They got approved to replace their Bulldozer! The work group
30 gathered information on everything burning and what they are burning and so on. They are a few
31 months out from establishing finalization of process and still need a landowner to fill vacancy give a
32 shout out to Ali Martinez for posting our open field property at the beginning of season worked with
33 adding QR codes on PDF maps.

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35 **Deschutes-Klamath Regional Coordinator Report**

36 Jessica Clark – we saw what she has been doing lately she had her first regional council meeting they
37 still have a vacancy for a chair. Special Thank you to ken for attending the meeting. No upcoming
38 super serious projects outside of A&H updates. Sage grouse surveys. Last year a lot of people were
39 getting stuck not as many this year luckily. Just submitted a grant for an outreach series called “
40 wildlife co-existence “ A lot centered around recreation.

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43 Adjourned 12:37 p.m.