



# Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
ODFW Classroom, Salem OR

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Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Amy Patrick, Chair	Jessica Clark, ODFW
Ron Borisch, Board Member	David Stroppel, ODFW (Remote)
John Breese, Board Member	Tom Segal, ODFW (Remote)
Morgan Olson, Board Member	Charlie Chamberlain, ODFW
Jeff McNerney, Board Member	Landon Hardt, ODFW
Truman Stone, Board Member (Remote)	Jon Paustian, ODFW
Nic Callero, Board Member	Ryan Battleson, ODFW
	Jack Edwards, ODFW
Travis Schultz, ODFW	Daniel Beraldo, RMEF
Marcus Thompson, ODFW	Cory Tombs, RMEF
Brian Wolfer, ODFW (Remote)	Josh Westley
Derek Broman, ODFW	Marcus Gores, OR WSF
	Alise Greening, NWTf
	Walter Chuck, OR WSF
	Bryan Cook, OHA
	Wayne Endicott, OBH

## Meeting

Amy calls the July A&H Board meeting to order at 8am

## Meeting Minutes Review

The board reviewed April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, April Morgan Olson Made a motion to approve the minuets. Jeff Mcneryn seconds the motion, motion passed 7:0.

The meeting minutes are in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following link: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/April/Minutes\\_.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/April/Minutes_.pdf).

## Board Member Reports

### Truman Stone

He is excited to join the board with this being his first meeting. He has some history with the A&H program. He was a hunter rep and chair of the North Willamette A&H regional council beginning in 2011. He has volunteered on a verity fish and wildlife projects and youth hunting. He has assisted in black tail deer surveys and CWD sampling. He currently works as a municipal attorney.

1 Nic Callero, Hunter Representative

2 Nic's daughter graduated first grade, summer is super busy for them as they are planning on  
3 exploring the Strawberry Mountain wilderness. As far as work goes Nic is working in a few  
4 surrounding states with setting the stage with additional funding for wildlife and habitat work,  
5 primarily with Nevada and Utah. Nevada has additional budget restraints.

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7 Ron Borsich, Landowner Representative

8 Clearing and improving roads on forest service around Springfield and bugaboo out hwy 22. These  
9 roads have been overgrown and a lack of maintenance for years. This will benefit the hunters and  
10 recreationists. They had to replace a gate that was damaged during winter. Most landowners have  
11 closed lands to public due to potential of wildfire.

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13 Amy Patrick

14 On the OHA front there lots of moving parts remaining super busy on the legislative front. They  
15 secured \$2.7 million for chronic wasting disease with legislature. Due to how it was done this is a  
16 onetime bill we do foresee that there should be ODFW commission appointments in September. In  
17 other news at OHA the outreach side of things they are planning their first women's weekend Chukar  
18 hunt. This includes planting and a chakur hunt afterwards. Big big kudos to Jon Paustian on the work  
19 he did with the Minam celebration.

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21 Morgan Olson, Hunter Representative

22 Minam wildlife celebration, big shoutout to ODFW, RMEF , and Jon Paustian with his support for  
23 the project. They conducted some surveys in Minam and trail clearing as needed. OHA funded  
24 several scholarships this year in addition to providing funds to youth trap teams. BHA big focus there  
25 is on e-bikes on non-motorized trails. Watershed council had a project review recently. Morgan spent  
26 7 days floating and fishing. He and Ron went to Alaska and were able to secure 550 lbs. of fish in the  
27 freezer.

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29 Jeff McNerney, Landowner Representative

30 Cherry season is in full effect, on the farming front the crop for the most part looks to be a good crop,  
31 cherry's and blueberries are doing great pears are ok. On the wildlife front the farm is currently  
32 fighting a bit of wildlife issues with bears, 3 bears had to be taken out last week due to crop damage.  
33 With a total of 8 bears taken out total. Elk are becoming habituated to farms in the area.

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35 John Breese Landowner Representative

36 To follow up on spring turkey season they had 4 youth hunters out and none had success  
37 unfortunately, but they all were excited and want to come back. In central Oregon its hot and dry  
38 some mild weather brought in seasonal grasses and now they have died off quite a bit due to  
39 excessive heat. A few hunting dogs have been to the vet. It is definitely fire season we are keeping  
40 eyes out as there have been a few smaller start up fires nearby. They got help up due to spring and  
41 were finally able to cut some junipers. Timber prices are slow and low especially for pine. This  
42 makes it hard to continue thinning.

1 **A&H Budget Report**

2 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

3 The commission wants to see county involvement on land purchases on any requests for project  
4 funding. The auction and raffle tags were approved by the commission. Also, Mogan Olson was  
5 reappointed, and Truman Stone was appointed the new hunter representative on the A&H Board.  
6 Quick note on the farm bill, there is movement which is good but no deadline timeline on passing for  
7 said bill.  
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10 **A&H Budget Report**

11 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

12 Travis presented the A&H budget to the Board. The budget files are in the Board packet materials  
13 and can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.  
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16 **Auction and Raffle Update**

17 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

18 2024 set another record setting year. all the way around our program alone for raffle was up  
19 \$178,000 and auction was up \$50,000. The increase in raffle sales was across the board including #  
20 of people in the raffle. Over 6,400 individuals bought raffle entries, breaking the previous record by  
21 1,200, surpassing last year with 5200 individuals, and 2020 when stimulus checks arrived in May!  
22 Looking only at A&H's deer and elk raffles the number of individuals in the raffle increase from  
23 almost 4300 last year to over 5200, a gain of almost 1000 individuals. The auction and raffle files are  
24 in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:

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

29 No public comment  
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32 **2025 Auction Hunts**

33 The representatives for the potential auction host organization introduced themselves and their  
34 organization to the Board describing the goals of the organization and how the auction funds they  
35 receive will be spent. Organizations and representatives are: Mule Deer Foundation - Josh Westley,  
36 National Wild Turkey Federation - Chris Henry, Oregon Bow Hunters - Wayne Endicott, Oregon  
37 Hunters Association - Bryan Cook, Oregon Wild Sheep Foundation - Marcus Gores, Rocky Mountain  
38 Elk Foundation - Daniel Beraldo. Applications from each of the host organizations are part of the  
39 board meeting packet and can be seen at: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.  
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1 **Auction Host Selection**

**Host Organization Applications for the 2025 Oregon Big Game Auction Tags**

Organization	Chapter	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Event Date	Event Location	2025 Tag Awarded	Option 1
Wild Sheep Foundation	National	Bighorn Sheep	Pronghorn	Rocky Mt. Goat	Thursday, Jan 16th, 2025- Saturday, Jan 18th, 2025	Peppermill hotel Casino Reno Nevada	Bighorn Sheep	Pronghorn
National Wild Turkey Federation	Baker	Combo	Elk	Rocky Mt. Goat	Saturday, Feb 01, 2025	Elks Lodge Baker City Oregon	Elk	
Oregon Bow Hunters Association	State	Deer	Elk	Rocky Mt. Goat	Saturday, Feb 08, 2025	Linn Co Fair Expo center Oregon	Deer	
Mule Deer foundation	National	Combo	Deer	Elk	Thursday, Feb 13th, 2025 - Saturday, Feb 15th, 2025	Salt Palace Salt Lake City Utah	Combo	
Oregon Hunters Association	Redmond	Deer	Rocky Mt. Goat	Elk	Saturday, Feb 22, 2025	Deschutes Co Fair & Expo Redmond Oregon	Deer	
National Wild Turkey Federation	Ochoco	Deer	Elk	Rocky Mt. Goat	Saturday, Mar 15, 2025	Crook County Fairgrounds Prineville Oregon	Deer	
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	National	Combo	Elk	Deer	Tuesday, Apr 1st 2025 - Thursday Apr 3rd 2025	Online	Elk	
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	John Day	Elk	Deer	Pronghorn	Saturday, Apr 26, 2025	Grant County Fairgrounds John Day Oregon	Elk	
Wild Sheep Foundation	Oregon	Rocky Mt. Goat	Pronghorn	Deer	Saturday, Apr 26, 2025	Riverhouse on the Deschutes Bend OR	Rocky Mt. Goat	
Oregon Hunters Association	Tillamook	Elk	Deer	Rocky Mt. Goat	Saturday, May 03, 2025	Tillamook Co Fairgrounds Tillamook Oregon	Elk	
Oregon Hunters Association	State	Combo	Deer	Elk	Saturday, May 03, 2025	Chinook Winds Casino Lincoln City Oregon	Deer	
			<b>Elk:</b> Full		<b>Deer:</b> Full		<b>Rocky Mountain Goat:</b> 1	
			<b>Combination:</b> Full				<b>Pronghorn:</b> 1	
							<b>Bighorn Sheep:</b> 1	

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4 Morgan Olson made the motion to approve the auction selection list as presented in the table labeled  
5 Host Organization Applications for the 2025 Oregon Big Game Auction Tags, Ron Borsch seconds  
6 the motion and the motion passes 7:0

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9 **Regional council appointments**

10 Ryan Battleson

11 There are two applications for the Landowner Representative on the Southwest Regional Council,  
12 Bill Jackson and Whitney Henneman. The SW Regional Council voted 3-2 in favor to appoint Bill  
13 Jackson as Landowner Representative on the council.

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15 Amy moved the motion to appoint Bill Jackson as SW Regional Council, Morgan seconds the motion  
16 and the motion passes 6:0 with 1 abstention. The abstained vote felt a representative directly tied to  
17 private timber was the better option.

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19 Jessica Clark

20 The Deschutes/Klamath received one application for the open Chair position, Kent Inman. Kent is  
21 currently serving as a hunter representative on the council. The council voted to recommend the  
22 Board appoint Kent as the council chair with a vote of 4:0 with Kent abstaining.

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24 John Breese made the motion to approve Kent Inman as the chair of the Deschutes/Klamath Regional  
25 Council, motion seconded by Morgan Olson and the motion passes with a vote of 7:0

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27 The regional council appointment files are in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the  
28 following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.

1 **Project Review**

2 Jon Paustian NE Regional A&H Coordinator

3 Smutz Access Area

4 This is a project renewal. Smutz has been in partnership with A&H for 15 years. The property is  
5 adjacent to other access areas involved in the A&H program's Glass Hill Access Area. The total  
6 acreage for Glass Hill is a little over 7,000 acres. One of the best opportunities is the youth hunt in the  
7 Smutz area. They have been able to harvest big bulls in that unit and see lots of elk as well. This  
8 property has potential for upland birds and waterfowl with the right weather.

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10 Truman Stone moved to approve the Smutz Access Area as proposed, the motion was seconded by  
11 Morgan Olson and the motion passed 7:0.

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13 The Smutz Access Area files are in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following  
14 link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.

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16 Owsley Canyon Access Area

17 This family has been in the program for 15 years as well this land is located in a WMU that is  
18 dominated by private land around Mount Emily. This property is important to the La Grande wildlife  
19 district as it provides a means to address wildlife ag damage conflict in this area. The property all  
20 provides significant upland bird opportunities for hunters.

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22 John Breese made the motion to approve Owsley Canyon Access Area as purposed, the motion was  
23 seconded by Ron Borsch and the motion passes 7:0.

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25 The Owsley Canyon Access Area files are in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the  
26 following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.

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28 Ryan Battleson, SW Regional A&H Coordinator

29 Territorial Youth Deer Hunt

30 This is a renewal of a project that provides access for 10 to 13 youth deer hunters per year to hunt one  
31 black-tailed deer during weekends in November. The number of youths will vary with adjustments in  
32 tag numbers for the 620T2 tag but the project agreement is for three years. Additionally, two hunters  
33 will be chosen at random to also hunt the access area for bull elk during the General Western Oregon  
34 Coast 1st season. Youths and accompanying adult(s) must register with the landowner, agree to  
35 conditions of access, and check in with a local security guard prior to accessing the property.

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37 Morgan Olson made the motion to approve the Territorial Youth Deer Hunt as proposed, the motion  
38 was seconded by Ron Borsch and the motion passes 7:0.

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40 The Territorial Youth Deer Hunt files are in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the  
41 following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.

1 Jackson TMA Amendment

2 This is an amendment to the agreements for the Jackson TMA amendment to increase the acreage and  
3 payments for the project. The additional acreage is comprised of 3,513 acres of private industrial  
4 timberlands and 1,150 acres of public lands. The additional private acres will be paid for access at the  
5 rate of \$1.80 per acres consistent with the original agreement. The amendment increases the  
6 payments by \$6,323 and therefore must receive Board and Commission approval prior to amending  
7 the agreements with the landowners.

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9 Morgan made the motion to approve the Jackson TMA Amendment as proposed, the motion was  
10 seconded by Jeff McNerney and the motion passes 7:0.

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12 The Jackson TMA Amendment files are in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the  
13 following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>.

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16 **Coordinator Reports**

17 Jessica Clark Deschutes/Klamath

18 As far as A&H Aspen Valley finished up their habitat work. Habitat work done in the Deschutes.  
19 Wildlife crossing structures Highway 97 they got funding to revegetate some of those structures. The  
20 bend to shuttle lake feasibility study will be wrapped up soon. This will help promote evidence for  
21 future crossing structures. They have decommissioned the road for the Metolius acquisition. They are  
22 working on treating invasive weeds as well as a white river diet analysis for Blacktail deer out there.  
23 In Deschutes region they have a few Juniper cutting projects in the works. Jessica has been attending  
24 a few conferences. Current working on proposals for E-bikes introduction to the national forests.

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26 Ryan Battleson Southwest

27 Ryan is working on a few projects as well as getting head of meetings in order to prep for A&H  
28 meetings. They just finished some habitat enhancement. RMEF and OHA assisted with funding for  
29 the habitat enhancement.

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31 Jon Paustian Northeast

32 Phase three is 1200 acres of Manulife lands that will block everything up they had the celebration in  
33 June. In May the elk foundation partnered with sthll with a dozen employees out to help train and  
34 operate chainsaws. That weekend they did a workshop called thinning for wildlife benefits. They  
35 proceeded to provide some habitat work including but not limited to Noxious weed control and  
36 removal of fencing and replacement with wildlife friendly fencing. We talked a bit earlier about  
37 foster ranch they are currently working on 1,000 acres of juniper removal. Jons concern is with fire  
38 season the current contractors my get pulled off for fire season. Couple concerns with fire conditions  
39 where they are at. Manulife is potentially going towards a full closure as fire concern is severe.  
40 Manulife wants to take the 240,000 acres and turn it into a TMA.

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42 Adjourned at 12:44PM