

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

May 17, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Starrett, Stan Primozich and Allen Springer.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper and Christian Boenisch.

Guests: Nicole Montesano, News-Register; Mike Cafferata, Oregon Department of Forestry; and Walt Shields, Yamhill County Forestland Classification Advisory Committee member.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Starrett called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

- * Personnel - Approve the reclassification of the .60 FTE Human Resources Office Specialist position to a .60 FTE Human Resources Assistant, effective July 9, 2016.
- * Minutes - see agenda for details.
- * Contracts/Grants - see agenda for details.
- * Committees - Accept the resignation of Colin Armstrong and appoint John Larson to the Yamhill County Foundation for a 2-year term to expire December 31, 2018.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) update - Mike Cafferata stated that currently ODF is working closely with cities on fire protection plans by mapping and dividing the counties into 40 acre parcels to determine whether property owners are required to pay for fire protection adding that forest landowners pay a Forest Patrol Assessment to the state and the state's General Fund matches the landowners' portion.

There was further discussion regarding limited staffing in case of multiple fires. Mike noted that he hopes to have the first draft of the Fire Protection Plan for Yamhill County within the next 6 months and ready to present to land owners. He encouraged the Board to visit the ODF website for updates: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Pages/index.aspx>

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Lucy Flores Mendez

Secretary