

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

October 17, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners’ Office Conference Room
434 NE Evans St.

PRESENT: Commissioners Stan Primozich, Mary Starrett and Richard L. “Rick” Olson.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch and Mikalie Frei

Guests: Karen Schank and Jose Linares, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nicole Montesano, News Register and others as listed on the sign in sheet.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Bureau of Land Management update – Mr. Linares introduced himself and Karen Schank, Tillamook Field Office Field Manager. He gave a brief overview of the Northwest Oregon District (see Exhibit A). He explained that he is the new District Manager and that just recently the Salem and Eugene Districts consolidated which now encompasses a larger area. He is looking forward to working with district staff and implementing the Resource Management Plans of Western Oregon. Ms. Schank spoke about the proposed Panther Creek Timber Management Project (see Exhibit A). Commissioner Starrett asked about the barred owl and what kind of consideration has been taken regarding it and the spotted owl. Mr. Linares said that it had been taken into consideration in the analysis. Commissioner Primozich stated that he wants to be a partner and engaged with BLM going forward with Yamhill County’s interests in mind. He also stated that the loss of the lumber industry and wildfires have created a huge loss for Yamhill County and BLM lands have been significantly impacted.

- * Minutes – see formal session agenda for details.
- * Contracts/Grants – see formal session agenda for details.
- * Committees – see formal session agenda for details.
- * Misc. – see formal session agenda for details.

Informal session recessed to executive session at 2:40 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Executive session adjourned at 3:53 p.m. with no final decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to those authorized to conduct labor negotiations on behalf of the county.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Keri Hinton
Secretary