

BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2006  
SALEM OFFICE

ATTENDEES: Mike Barnes, Mike Barsotti, Dick Beers, Paul Bell, Stan Beyer, Dallas Boge, Brad Chapman, Don Durkopf, John Foster, Allan Foutch, Mike Gaudern, Nancy Hathaway, Roy Hendrick, Chris Jarmer, Ron Larson, Sara Leiman, Kristina McNitt, Joe Misek, Ken Nicholls, Frank Pender, Paul Nys, John Poppino, Les Schultz, Greg Stone, Al Thayer, Dennis Werth, Aaron White.

### **Previous Business**

**With the correction to the date of the Forest Symposium to 2007 in the November 4th minutes, the minutes of November 4 Board of Directors and December 9 and January 6 Executive Committee meetings were approved unanimously.**

### **Financial Report**

Lyn Boniface reported (by speakerphone) that she has compiled the results of last fiscal year and is working on the OSWA tax returns. Excepting for one extra month of payroll (bookkeeping adjustment) we would have had a profit of \$1200. The office working arrangement between Mike Gaudern, Lynn and Janet and Andy Lien is going well. As of the end of January, we have not expended \$2600 that was budgeted for. Paul Nys suggested someone needs to look over the financial reports. Paul, Les Schultz, Dick Beers and Greg Stone volunteered to receive fully detailed quarterly transactions as printed by Lyn. The issue of an independent audit was raised, which was dismissed as too expensive. Lyn will check into legal requirements and perhaps an independent certified financial review would be adequate if we desired.

### **Board of Forestry**

Chris Jarmer reported on the current progress towards resolution of the riparian rules. There are a total of 18 concepts in the riparian issues, most have been resolved. A remaining sticky concept would increase basal area in small and medium Type F streams to bring the desired future condition of enough woody debris in the stream for fish habitat. Oregon Department of Forestry and OFIC (and others) are looking for other more palatable solutions. DEQ and ODFW also have interests. The current suggestion is to put wood into streams if there is not enough in place naturally. On March 8, next Board of Forestry meeting, the Board could accept this compromise concept and start it through the ODF rule-making procedure. Or they could fall back on the current concept to increase basal area. Rules allow for landowners to write individualized plans and ODF foresters have discretion to accept them. However, this option is rarely used. OSWA board members feel that voluntary contributions and incentives are much preferred over regulations.

**Moved and seconded to support the current compromise concept at this time. Motion passed unanimously**

### **Membership**

We're at 78% retention. Right now with renewals coming past due, all chapters need to focus on retention of members. Each county now has a delinquent members list. Last reminders will go out Feb. 28. Chapters are urged to make calls when members are 2-3 months overdue. Questions arose regarding membership billing dates. The Membership committee (Roy Hendrick, chair and adding Dennis Werth and Stan Beyer) is re-visiting the issues of prorating for new members and changing to one billing date for all.

Complementary memberships are not allowed according to the by-laws so Extension agents have been dropped. Chapters are encouraged to pick them up. We have 13 lifetime members. The Membership committee will review several scenarios and come up with suggestions for the membership to look at.

### **Non-Dues Revenue Sources**

Aflac: OSWA now has a license and Mike Gaudern is a licensed agent. For each policy sold to a member, OSWA will receive 10% of the commission, Mike Gaudern will receive 20% of the commission if the office is contacted and he refers the call, and 70% of the commission will go to the writing agent.

### **Moved, seconded that OSWA enter into a one-year agreement with Mike Gaudern to be the referral agent for Aflac. Motion passed unanimously**

Remuneration will be as stated above. Aflac will be given names of members but not addresses or phone numbers.

Pacific Benefits Group: Beaverton-based broker of insurance products. Mike Barnes has been talking with Shane Nichols of PBG. Three of the principals in the company are familiar with forest interests. This company works primarily in western USA. OSWA would receive 10% of commissions. PBG have been invited to take a booth at the Annual Meeting to test the members interest. In the future, may open a discussion about health insurance as another option.

These membership benefits may be particularly valuable to the self-employed and those not receiving Medicare benefits.

### **Annual Meeting**

Brad Chapman of Yamhill County is working together with the State OSWA Office to host the 2006 Annual Meeting. We have received \$4000 in sponsorship money from 8 companies already. 180 exhibitor letters have been sent out. Diane Snyder of the Board of Forestry will be speaking on The Power of We. Roy Hendrick will be running the auction again, so be thinking of donations.

### **Office Administration**

As reported earlier in these minutes, we no longer have in-house office help. Janet and Andy Lien are located just down the hall and are knowledgeable about our system. It's more cost effective to have Mike do what office work he can and have the Liens help out.

The Executive Committee will have a one-day retreat and together review the 5 year plan.

### **Department of Forestry updates**

Joe Misek reported on the Working Group for Forest Biomass Utilization. A critical path draft has been written detailing the 5 issues (R & D, supportive regulatory environment, economy and market development, extraction and production infrastructure development, and stakeholder and public consensus.) For each issue there are listed obstacles, key outcomes desired, and a timeline for completion. Joe Misak has toured biomass plants in northern California which pull in wood from a 75 mile radius, producing either cellulose ethanol or selling power to the electrical grid. OSWA should appoint someone to become involved in this issue. Jim Long has been interested and perhaps would represent us in this area.

Paul Bell reported on the Committee for Family Forestlands, an advisory committee to the Board of Forestry. This is our committee--our opportunity for input. He discussed the timeline for the various issues to be presented to the BOF. Next BOF meeting is on Feb. 23 to discuss the water

protection (riparian) rules. The 2007 Oregon Family Forestlands Symposium will be held April 27-28 in Corvallis. OSWA plans to schedule some part of our Annual Meeting alongside this symposium.

**It was moved, seconded to appoint Tom Nygren as the OSWA Board Liaison to the Sustainability Board. Motion passed unanimously**

**Government Activities Group**

Kristina McNitt urges us to have representation on the NOAA Fisheries Review Committee. There will be two groups--lower Columbia and upper Willamette. Bob Phillips was recommended as a good representative to this group.

Land Use: The consensus-driven appointees' haven't yet come together with a work plan. They must be ready to report to the 2007 assembly.

Lane Shetterly, head of LCDC, says that as of October 25, 2005 there were 1,255 Measure 37 claims, but at that point the judge ruled the measure was unconstitutional. Of those claims, almost all dealt with resource land: 70% were on EFU land and 12% affected Forestland. Most claims come from the Willamette Valley, mainly in the north. Only 15% were from Eastern Oregon. As for the types of use requested, 86% of the claims are land divisions and 13% are for one dwelling. Even though most counties have stopped claimants, the claims are still being processed internally to be ready for the Supreme Court decision.

**Oregon Tree Farm System**

Will continue to partner with OSWA on the State Fair booth. A committee of Joe Holmgren, Steve Woodard and Tom Nygren will see how we can make Tree Farmer of the Year more effective--more candidates and better exposure. July 29, 2006 will be Bob Kintigh's Tree Farmer of the Year tour. In February American Tree Farm System will meet and two topics to be discussed are: Dues--can ATFS still afford to be a free program? and Green Certification--allowing for third-party recognition to provide anchoring that what we're doing qualifies for certification. This marks the first time that Green Certification has been on the formal ATFS agenda.

**OFRI**

OFRI is currently holding a series of meetings around the state: Bend on Feb. 16 and Forest Grove on March 2 to seek input on strategic planning for their messages and programs. Alan Foutch and Sara Leiman are on the OFRI Board while Bob Kintigh is the official OSWA representative. To give input, you should either attend meetings or talk with for to Mike Barnes, Alan, Sara or Bob. Meetings begin at 10, include lunch, and you must register with Kathy Storm at 503-229-6718, ext 22 or [storm@ofri.com](mailto:storm@ofri.com).

**Columbia County Survey**

This survey has been adapted (with permission from Paul Nys, original author) to distribute to all OSWA members for feedback. One new option that has been added to a list of reasons to belong to OSWA is "I believe support of the forest industry is crucial." Columbia County's response return rate on this survey was nearly 50%.

**Performance Evaluation of ED**

Over the last 2 1/2 months Mike Gaudern has put in additional hours to run the office and asked for some reimbursement for his time. The full board met in closed session and after discussion:

**It was moved, seconded OSWA will pay Mike Gaudern for 4 1/2 days a week at his current salary plus the possibility of a performance bonus when criteria are established. Motion passed unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Hathaway