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Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Board Meeting
August 3, 2007
Salem, Oregon

Attendees: Mike Barnes, Dallas Boge, Mike Cloughesy, Peter Daugherty, Mike Gaudern, Nancy Hathaway, Donna Heffernan, Dan Hill, Jim Johnson, Kristina McNitt, Ken Nicholls, Paul Nys, Frank Pender, John Poppino, Joe Steere, Greg Stone.

Motion to approve April 26, 2007 Board of Directors minutes as corrected passed unanimously.

Motion to approve June 5, 2007 Executive Board minutes as corrected passed unanimously.

Motion to approve July 13, 2007 Executive Board minutes as corrected passed unanimously.

Letter from I.R.S.: Changes in IRS rules require that every chapter of OSWA now file a return. REPEAT...Every Chapter Must File! OSWA ED will send out the IRS letter again in a separate mailing in sufficient time for the chapters to deal with this. This letter and the need to respond will be revisited at the February board meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Motion to change the vision statement passed unanimously. New vision: **Privately owned family woodlands are a thriving part of Oregon's landscape in 2050.**

Motion to change the mission statement passed unanimously. New mission statement: **OSWA provides opportunity to Family Woodland Owners.**

Administrate

Membership administration: Add Short Term Objective: Staff person in place by 2007-08 to provide day-to-day support. Peter Daugherty reported that ODF and OTFS are writing grants for administrative support. Potentially, OSWA could be partnered in. Patron programs should be emphasized, as in Washington State patron program.

Insurance Program: Add STO: Develop request for blanket fire insurance by 2007-08. This was an issue that was a priority (more than 3 to 1 ratio) in recent OSWA survey. OSWA needs to prepare an RFP prospectus including background, history of claims (zero OSWA claims), and supporting information.

Educate

Change Strategy to: Number of members in OSWA as a percentage of number of

woodland owners in Oregon.

Full Spectrum Forestry Workshops: High priority STOs: (1) Membership to OSWA increases. (2) Increase self-funded education programs for all woodland owners. FYI: Marion/Polk and Clackamas chapters are helping with the expenses of the Full Spectrum Forestry workshops.

Advocate

Summary of legislative session:

Some issues had to be reviewed, but no legislative action was taken. New "green" legislation was very focused on energy. Many "green" goals were met, so other green issues will be addressed in 2009.

Re-write of Measure 37: issue of development is a diverse issue in OSWA. M 37 gave protection to landowners from future regulation. The re-write (M 49) deals with development, high value land, but the protections from future regulations aren't there any more. This issue may be one that OSWA can respond to. Landowners can make a claim 5 years after the date, but this isn't an effective option for people engaged in long-term growth of timber. Oregonians in Action's mailing says that this isn't a re-write--this is a new measure. First, expectations were taken away, now actual money has been spent in vain by landowners believing that M 37 was a real law.

Survey results indicated membership in support of no regulatory creep. September issue of Update could present certain statements regarding M 49. Regulatory certainty is a side issue from development but is part and parcel of the entire bill.

Based upon survey results, regulatory certainty is the only issue we can voice an opinion on.

Fire Costs: Landowners would have picked up another 11% in fire suppression costs. OFIC and OSWA opposed ODF's budget on this issue. Despite evidence to the contrary, the philosophy that landowners are not paying their fair share is still out there for the future.

New OSWA membership advocacy packet presented that include policy revision.

Motion passed unanimously to adopt the packet and policies as revised.

Development

Family Forests of Oregon: The current board of FFO is made up of Jim James, David Ford, Joe Karas, Catherine Mater, Chris Heffernan, Nils Christoffersen, and Christoph Buchler.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Strategies, Initiatives, and Measures Work Plan for 2006-2015.

2007-08 Budget and Calendar

The budget was presented and the suggestion was made to change the line item #700 term buffer to "contingency" and net income to "surplus."

The November meeting date was cancelled and will be re-scheduled to sometime shortly after the elections. (November 16th is the new date)

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hathaway
August 5, 2007