

General Discussion: December 17, 2019

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Lily N. Morgan and Daniel E. DeYoung (Darin J. Fowler was attending Jury Duty); Trish Paredes, Recorder

Chair Lily N. Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Forestry Quarterly Update

Dave Streeter, Forestry Director, reviewed **BCC Quarterly Update 12/17/19 (Exhibit 1)**. The Board and Mr. Streeter discussed the federal attitude and strategy towards fire suppression versus Oregon Department of Forestry's management of wildfires. The Board and Mr. Streeter had a conversation concerning the O & C case that Josephine County and other O & C Counties won against the State and different options the Board could do with the settlement money to maximize an investment.

2. State of the County Update

Commissioner Morgan updated the Board on The Rogue Valley Realtors Association's positive reaction to having the State of the County in June. The Board discussed that this would also please the Department Heads.

3. Additional Subjects/Matters from Commissioners – ORS 192.640(1)

Commissioner DeYoung reported that the Illinois Valley Airports Advisory Board (IVAAB) tabled discussion on the Smokejumper lease until lawyers have more negotiations and there is a quorum to vote. Commissioner Morgan discussed the first Josephine County Addictions, Mental Health, Public Health Advisory Committee (AMPAC) meeting and the bylaws discussion at last week's Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Exhibits:

Exhibit–BCC Quarterly Update 12/17/19

BCC Quarterly Update 12/17/19

- **Taylor Cr. Fire**
 - **Approx. 6,760 mbf Salvaged for \$1.9 Million**
 - **Rehab beginning - Approx. 50K seedlings**
- **2020 Timber Sales – Target 3-4 MMbf**
 - **Pipefork, Brass nail, Lower Joe Cr, Granite Hill, Greenback, Possibly Oak Grove**
- **Inventory**
 - **Plots are continuing to be done by Forestry personnel**
 - **Update has been done from 2018**
- **Grants**
 - **FEMA – Grant application was withdrew**
- **Youth Tree Plant will be held February 6,7 & 8th, Prep work ongoing**
- **Silviculture**
 - **200,000 seedlings planted this spring**
 - **Aggressively looking for third party seed and seedlings**
- **Lot line adjustment on Greenback mine property**
- **Application for Mineral Exploration submitted on Daisy Mine Tract**
 - **T33S, R5W, Sec. 28 (North County – Speaker Rd.)**
- **Political Items**
 - **Wild Rogue Wilderness expansion**
 - **BLM trend towards exiting fire protection contracts with State**
 - **Adequate level of protection?**
 - **Lack of management – increased fire potential**
 - **Risk to neighbors – What liability would BLM have?**

- **Settlement with State – Possible lands back to County**
- **Property currently under contract for purchase and will be looking at additional opportunities.**