

Legal Counsel Update: October 3, 2017

2:00 p.m. – Board Conference Room

Attending: Commissioners Simon G. Hare and Daniel E. DeYoung; (Lily N. Morgan was unavailable); Wally Hicks and Pat Ellison, Legal Counsel; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

Chair Simon G. Hare called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Draft Resolution No. 2017-___; In the Matter of Expressing No Confidence in the U.S. Forest Services Management

Commissioner Hare suggested adding “Of Catastrophic Wildfire” at the end of the Resolution title. He mentioned there should be an exploratory question on the ballot that reads, “Do you have faith in your federal agencies to be managing public lands in the best interest of the local resident’s?” Commissioner Hare discussed he is disappointed that the U.S. Forest Services does not have a plan for salvage harvest or roadside hazard tree removal. Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, discussed a letter from Senator Baertschiger address to the Secretary of Agriculture stating the fires have consumed nearly 678,000 acres and racking up \$340,000 million in firefighting costs so far this season. The Board agreed to talk about this further at the next County Administration Workshop when the full Board is present.

2. State of Jefferson

Commissioner DeYoung spoke about seeing Bob Chard at the Fair who wanted the Commissioners to endorse the State of Jefferson. He spoke about putting this on the ballot asking the voters the non-binding question if they endorse the State of Jefferson. Commissioner Hare mentioned he does not have a definitive answer from the people on whether to weigh in on the subject. Commissioner DeYoung advised this is not the right time to put it on the ballot with all the cannabis issues they need to resolve first.

3. Matters from Commissioners – ORS 192.640(1)

Commissioner Hare cited he would like Legal Counsel to draft an MOU to the purchaser of the County Cave Junction Building to accommodate Food and Friends and have them maintain housing the program at the building until Food and Friends can find another place. Commissioner DeYoung mentioned an MOU for two-years sounds reasonable.

Chair Simon G. Hare called for Executive Session at 2:27 p.m.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Confidential memo re: The Paradise Ranch Resort & Golf Homeowners' Association, Inc. v. Washington Federal/Circuit Court Case No. 16CV24653 - ORS 192.660(2)(f)&(h)**

Executive Session Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The Board reported the following:

Agenda Item #4a: The Board agreed to a following up meeting on the subject and inviting the respective parties to the meeting based on Legal Counsel’s confidential memo’s recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.