

Polk County Forestland Classification Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2010

9:03 – 11:22am

Oregon Department of Forestry, Dallas Office

Meeting called to order by Terry Lamers (Chair) at 9:03 a.m. on September 20, 2010, Oregon Department of Forestry, Dallas Unit, 825 Oak Villa Rd., Dallas, OR.

Members in attendance: Terry Lamers, Tom Parsons, Jeff Classen and Bill Hahn.

Quorum present.

Guests: - Mike Totey, District Forester for the West Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry, Allison Blair, Wildland Fire Supervisor for the Dallas Unit, Oregon Department of Forestry and Doug Schmit, Polk County Assessor.

Agenda

1. Minutes from last meeting.
 2. Don Duhrkopf resigning from committee.
 3. Update on mapping progress to determine number of added and dropped lots.
 4. Update on classification work in Benton, Lincoln and the Northeast Oregon counties
 5. Discuss October 12 meeting with Falls City, City Council
 6. Begin planning process for public hearing.
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1. Draft minutes from September 20, 2010 meeting were distributed. Tom moved minutes be approved. Bill seconded motion and committee approved minutes at 9:05am.
 2. Terry informed the committee that Don Duhrkopf had talked with him and the County Commissioners and had requested to resign from the committee. The Commissioners are in the process of selecting a new committee member to replace Don. Committee members all acknowledged Don's hard work and dedication to the committee since it first began meeting in June of 2008.
 3. Jeff provided an update on the GIS mapping work. Allison has made good progress but still has quite a bit more work before we will have a good idea the number of parcels added to forestland classification and the number that will be removed.
 4. Mike Totey provided an update on Benton County's progress with their Forestland Classification Work and that they will hold their second public hearing November 4,

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2010 at the Benton County fairgrounds. Lincoln County is competing their draft classification work and is not far behind Polk County.

5. Discussion of the October 12, 2010 Falls City, City Council Meeting was very positive and the committee thought it was a productive meeting. Terry's presentation on Forestland Classification to the City Council went well. Chief Young's input at the meeting was very supportive of the draft work the Classification Committee had done and he stressed the benefits to landowners paying for wildland fire protection as well as the benefit to the Falls City and the Fire Department. The City Council and members of the public appeared to understand Terry and Chief Young and had no objections to the classification work the Committee had done. The issue that did come out at the meeting folks were most concerned with was the cost of protection for the landowners, especially those with multiple lots.
6. Planning for the hearing was pushed forward to the next meeting when draft mapping work should be completed.

The meeting was recessed at 11:22am.