

Polk County Forestland Classification Committee Meeting

Approved Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2010

9:00 – 11:50 pm

Oregon Department of Forestry, Dallas Office

Meeting called to order by Terry Lamers (Chair) at 9:10 a.m. on February 8, 2010, Oregon Department of Forestry, Dallas Unit, 825 Oak Villa Rd., Dallas, OR

Members in attendance: Don Duhrkopf, Terry Lamers, Tom Parsons, Jeff Classen and Brad Withrow-Robinson.

Quorum present.

Guests: - Allison Blair, Oregon Department of Forestry Protection Supervisor for the Dallas office.

Agenda

1. Review Draft Minutes from last meeting, and approve.
2. Jeff update on meeting with Chief Young and Falls City
3. Review presentation for public information meetings.
4. Develop plans/strategy for public meetings in Polk County.

1. Minutes of December 2, 2009 meeting reviewed, dissected without anesthesia. Jeff handed out a draft copy of Rulemaking Hearing notes. Minutes accepted at 9:50 with grammatical and clarifying revisions.

2. Jeff reported on meetings with Chief Bob Young and the Falls City City Council. With Chief Young, reviewed process, broad changes, then discussed issues in Falls City. Discussed decision to classify some lands within the city limits. Wondered if it would be better to do all or nothing within the city limits? Discussed the capacity of the Falls City volunteer Fire Department. Chief Young invited Jeff to present to the City Council meeting. Jeff gave an overview. Some questions and concerns about coverage within city limits. Will help publicize the upcoming information meeting in Falls City. Made clear to Chief and Council that this is a draft, and subject to change.

The Committee discussed the parallel process in Benton County. Following the Benton County information meetings, over 2000 landowners have received letters informing them that they will be either added or dropped from protection. This is a larger number than anticipated for Polk County.

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3. Terry went through the Daft presentation for the Information meetings. The Committee shared comments and suggestions. Terry and Brad will make revisions for later review.

4. Public information meetings are set for Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m., in Buell, and for Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. in Falls City.

The meeting was recessed at 11:50.