

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

October 24, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary P. Stern, Leslie Lewis, and Kathy George.

Staff: Rick Sanai, Pat Anderson, Mike Brandt, and Silas Halloran-Steiner.

Guests: Malcolm Hiatt and Andy White, 801 Gales Creek Rd, Forest Grove; Jeff Classen, 825 Oak Villa Rd, Dallas; Mike Totey and Ted Erdmann, 24533 Alsea Hwy, Philomath. (All representatives of Oregon Department of Forestry)

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

Landfill Reclamation - Kathy stated that Waste Management had mentioned wanting to do a master plan for its Riverbend Landfill and surrounding property, and it might be a good time to invite them in to discuss their future plans. She said that it would be good to let the public know what they have in mind, in case there are any concerns. She stated that it is her understanding that Waste Management has never intended to expand the landfill beyond the footprint proposed in the land use application, which leaves quite a bit of additional land that isn't landfill.

Mike Brandt stated that he had found a master plan developed by Waste Management for a facility in New Hampshire. He agreed to arrange for representatives to come and talk with the Board. He said that the commissioners are responsible for the ultimate reclamation of the area, and this would give them an opportunity to look into it. He said that since the discussion would be limited to general concepts at this point and there are no imminent land use applications, there would be no potential conflicts in discussing the matter.

HHS Update - Silas Halloran-Steiner discussed the Parenting HUB and Mentoring HUB grants. He provided an update on the Developmental Disabilities division and stated that Paul Kushner would be out on medical leave for a couple of months. He said that he and his division managers had discussed a strategic plan for health care transformation over the next couple of years and had identified the following priority areas: health care transformation preparation, Public Health taking the lead in community health assessments and oral health assessments, health care integration within the Evans Street complex, Family & Youth having a stronger presence in the schools, and leadership development within the HHS organization.

* Committees - Authorize the creation of a Yamhill County Forestland Classification Committee at the request of the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Mike Totey stated that Yamhill County is split between the Northwest Oregon and the West Oregon fire protection districts. He explained that the districts protect state, private, BLM,

and tribal lands, and they partner with rural fire protection districts. He said that the protection program ranges from prevention to investigation, and the purpose of forestland classification is to make an equitable determination of where the districts' protection responsibilities lie and to involve local partners.

Andy White provided an overview of the forestland classification process. He said that three members of the Forestland Classification Committee are to be appointed by the Board, and one of those three members has to be an owner of forestland. The Board agreed to approve the formation of the committee. Mike Totey suggested setting up a link or page on the county's website to share information such as meeting announcements and minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary