
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

December 5, 2017
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

JT Austin, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor

Elizabeth Van Volkenburgh, Interim Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington

Ron C. Mittelhammer, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University - *conference call*

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 Chair Franz called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

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4 All Board members introduced themselves. Chair Franz noted there was a quorum for the
5 meeting.

6 7 SAFETY REVIEW

8 Ms. Kellogg gave a safety overview and instruction on evacuating the building in event of an
9 emergency.

10 11 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12 Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the November 7, 2017 Board of Natural
13 Resources Regular Meeting.

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15 MOTION: Superintendent Reykdal moved to approve the minutes.

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17 SECOND: Director Van Volkenburgh seconded the motion.

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19 ACTION: The motion approved unanimously.
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1 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

2 **Rod Fleck, City Attorney, Forks**, commented on the selection of the preferred alternative and
3 using Trust Land Transfer lands towards the volume of the Sustainable Harvest Calculation. He
4 also shared his confusion on how the allocation regarding arrearage would occur.

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6 **Matt Comisky, AFRC**, spoke about the letter he sent to the Board members regarding concerns
7 with the riparian harvest preferred alternative.

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9 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS**

10 There were no comments.

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12 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

13 **November 2017 Auction Results and Proposed Timber Sales for January 2018 | 3 handouts,**
14 **including the presentation**

15 Tom Heller, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division

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17 Mr. Heller presented the results of the November auction to the Board. He shared that the
18 Department offered 11 sales totaling 51.7 mmbf in November. Of those, 10 sales sold totaling
19 \$21.4 million for an average of \$481 per mbf with 2.6 bidders per sale on average.

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21 Mr. Heller noted that the one sale that did not sell was likely a bit high on the appraisal. This sale
22 will be reappraised and reoffered in January. Mr. Heller then asked for questions on the
23 November 2017 results. There were none.

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25 Mr. Heller went on to present the proposed sales to be offered in January 2018 to the Board. Mr.
26 Heller asked the Board for questions on the proposed sales. Superintendent Reykdal asked what
27 the variance in the number of bidders is on DNR timber sales. Mr. Heller responded it is most
28 commonly 2 to 4 bidders, but it is not uncommon to see six bidders on a sale.

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30 Mr. Heller asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.

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32 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the January 2018 proposed timber sales.

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34 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.

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36 ACTION: The motion approved unanimously.

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38 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR LAND TRANSACTION ACTION ITEMS**

39 **Jamie Stephens, San Juan County Council**, spoke in support of the Oldin South Trust Land
40 Transfer.

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42 **Rick Hughes, Chair of the San Juan County Council**, communicated the support of San Juan
43 County for the Oldin South Trust Land Transfer.

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45 **Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Chair, WSDDA Trust Lands Task Force**; voiced concerns with the
46 transfer and questioned if it was in the best interest of the trust. He also noted that this transfer
47 would reduce the revenue for the Common School Trust and the Common School Construction

1 Account and then suggested that, in order to protect the corpus of the trust, the Board wait until
2 the current lease expires before selling the property.

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4 **LAND TRANSACTION (Action Items)**

5 **Oldin South Transfer, No. 02-095550; Resolution 1511**

6 Bob Winslow, Program Manager, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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8 Mr. Winslow presented the Odlin South Transfer to the Board stating the property is located in
9 San Juan County on the north end of Lopez Island. He explained that the Common School Trust
10 property came to DNR from the United States government and was formerly an undeveloped
11 military reservation. San Juan County is the current lessee of the property under a 2011 Trust
12 Land Transfer lease for a term of 50 years, which expires in 2061. The entire lease was paid for
13 at the beginning of the lease under a one-time payment from the Washington State legislature of
14 \$1,096,000. This transaction is a proposed direct transfer to San Juan County under the authority
15 of RCW 79.17.200.

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17 Director Van Volkenburgh asked about the intended use of the lands, if the transfer went
18 through. Mr. Winslow replied that county intends to extend the park and add recreation trails.
19 There is also potential to add campsites in the future.

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21 Mr. Winslow then went on to explain that the 103 acre property transfer request was initiated by
22 San Juan County under the terms of the existing trust land transfer lease and that the county will
23 pay the transaction related expenses. The current appraised fee value of this property is
24 \$1,015,000. DNR received a lease payment of \$1,096,000 for the property in 2011 and placed
25 these funds into the Common School Construction Account. The payment of \$194,000 by the
26 county to purchase the remaining fee ownership for this property will be placed into the Real
27 Property Replacement Account for the benefit of the Common School Trust. The combined
28 funds received by DNR for this property are \$1,290,000 which equals approximately \$215,000
29 for each potential undeveloped lot.

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31 A discussion followed where the Board members asked several questions regarding existing
32 timber types (mixed hardwood/conifer), how residual fee value was determined by DNR (Future
33 Value determined and discounted back at 6% to the Present Value), timber operability (approx.
34 50%), timber values (current value \$71,000), likely operability of replacement lands (70%+), and
35 future anticipated timber harvest constraints at Odlin.

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37 Mr. Winslow concluded by asking the Board to approve Resolution 1511.

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39 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve Resolution 1511.

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41 SECOND: Director Van Volkenburgh seconded the motion.

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43 ACTION: The motion approved unanimously.

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45 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

46 There were no comments.

1 **BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (Action Items)**

2 Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary, Committee on Geographic Names

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4 Mr. Maki provided the history of the Washington Board on Geographic Names, and an overview
5 of the naming process for Washington State.

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7 Mr. Maki then went over the four proposed names that were approved at the last Committee
8 meeting:

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10 Houle Creek: New name for an unnamed stream that crosses Interstate 90 in Kittitas
11 County. Washington State Department of Transportation is doing construction in the area, and
12 submitted an application to name this feature since the public will now be able to see it when the
13 road construction is complete. "Houle" is a French word for "rippling waters".

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15 Libby Creek: New name for an unnamed stream that crosses Libby Road in Thurston
16 County. The feature is sometimes known unofficially as "Sleepy Creek". The proponent studied
17 the creek when he worked for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and found that
18 because the creek was not named, it caused confusion on maps and applications. The Libby
19 family were early settlers in the area.

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21 Steffen Creek: New name for an unnamed stream. Parts of which were mislabeled on some
22 maps as part of Riley Slough. The name commemorates the Steffen family, early settlers that
23 still operate a dairy farm in the area.

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25 Swaram Creek: Name change that replaces the offensive current name of "Squaw Creek". The
26 name "swaram" means "to fish at night by torch light", referencing early fishing methods in the
27 area.

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29 Mr. Maki recommended approval of the proposed name changes

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31 MOTION: Superintendent Reykdal moved to approve the proposed name changes

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33 SECOND: Director Van Volkenburgh seconded the motion.

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35 ACTION: The motion approved unanimously

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37 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

38 There were no comments.

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40 **CHAIR REPORT**

41 **Klickitat Canyon Community Forest Management Plan Briefing**

42 Larry Leach, Assistant Region Manager, Southeast Region

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44 Mr. Leach provided an update on the Klickitat Canyon Community Forest Management Plan. He
45 explained the property was purchased with forest legacy grant funds and is DNR's second
46 community forest. He stated a ten-member citizen's advisory committee was established, who
47 then developed a management plan. The goals of the plan include forest health, community

1 connections, wildlife, grazing, water quality, aquatic habitat, recreation, and cultural
2 resources. Discussion followed where the board members asked about the educational piece of
3 the Community Forest Trust (CFT) program, the interaction with the Klickitat Fish hatchery, and
4 how many community forests DNR had, and if there are other community forests outside of
5 DNR jurisdiction.

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7 He stated with local community and tribal support, the community forest will also provide jobs,
8 public access, and educational opportunities to learn about working forestlands.

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10 After Board business was concluded, Chair Franz recognized Interim Director Van Volkenburgh
11 for her service to the Board.

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13 Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Approved this 5th day of January, 2018



Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Absent

JT Austin, Designee for Governor Jay Inslee



Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction



Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

Absent

Ron Mittelhammer, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,
Washington State University

Approved via Conference Call

Dan Brown, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences,
University of Washington

Attest:



Tami Kellogg, Board Coordinator