

Minutes

Crook County Natural Resource Committee

January 9, 2019

Committee members present:

Steve McGuire, Frank Porfily, Lynne Breese, Ston McDaniel, Mike Lunn, Teresa Rodriguez, Andy Gallagher, John Dehler, Trent Smith

Public present:

Lois Hoffman, John Breese, Von Thompson, Jamie Dawson, Michelle McSwain, Melinda Kestler, Eric Newell, Oliver Cross

Guests:

No guests present

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Andy Gallagher @ Crook County COCC Open Campus Building, 510 SE Lynn Blvd., Prineville, OR.

Review of Minutes: Teresa moved to approve minutes as changed (spelling of Porfily and Rodriguez). Lynne seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melinda Kestler (1821 NW Grimes), asked about a public comment period at the end of the meeting. Andy explained that the option might be available if time (2 hrs. meeting length) allowed. Frank suggested we have it at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Walton Lake Campground:

The Walton Lake Campground subcommittee presented its work. Mike reminded the committee that the goal was to get the project done within the requirements of meeting safety concerns while addressing public recreation and visual impacts. Ston recognized the work of the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC). They had done extensive research into the science of the root rot disease, the history of the Forest Service actions and attempt within their group to reach consensus.

Frank moved to change the draft letter to the Court by eliminating the 12" dbh guideline and changing it to 6" dbh in alternatives 2 and 3. Ston seconded. Motion passed.

Frank moved to remove recommendation #3 to the Court. Ston seconded. Motion passed.

Mike moved to change alternatives 4 and 5 to become part of the principles of implementation. Lynne seconded. Motion passed.

Tim will incorporate these edits into the document and send it out to the committee for review and adoption at the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coordination Letters:

Teresa asked about the Coordination letters called out for in the County's Natural Resource Policy. The Policy states that the County shall send Coordination letters to all federal agencies within 30 days of the Policy's adoption. Letters have not been sent out. The Committee discussed the importance of these letters in being able to have meaningful conversations and impact within the federal agency actions. Ston moved to get Coordination letter on the next County Court Meeting (Feb 6th). Teresa seconded. Motion passed.

Bylaws: Review and Adoption

The committee reviewed the draft bylaws developed by the County. Changes were made. Tim will make those changes and send out a new draft prior to the February meeting.

COMMITTEE INPUT

Frank shared with the group the 9 things different from Coordination and Cooperating Agency. Tim will share the entire document with the committee via email.

Tim shared that Sean Curtis, Modoc County Natural Resource Coordinator will be at the Feb meeting to talk about Coordination, Cooperating agency status and other tools for effective County involvement in public land management.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melinda Kestler shared her resident address: 1821 NW Grimes Rd. Prineville

Michelle McSwain, Prineville, asked if the group would introduce themselves.

Von Thompson, Prineville, complimented the committee for how they interact together and as a community member, thanked them for volunteering for this committee.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting @ 3:20 p.m. Teresa seconded. Motion Passed.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 13th @ 1:00 p.m.