

## **Minutes**

### **Crook County Natural Resource Committee**

**February 13, 2019**

Committee members present:

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

Committee member absent:

Mike Lunn

Public present:

Brian Barney, Jeff Kichtens, Dennis Teitzel, Tom Casselman, Gayle Casselman, Michelle McSwain, John Breese, Lois Hoffman, Chip Faver, Kelsey Lucas, Cliff Kiser, Mike Ervin, Ruthie McKenzie, Karlene Richmond, Rachael Davee, Eric Bush, Gayle Hunt, Shelley Hudspeth, Melinda Kestler, Eric Newell, Patrick Lair, Shane Jeffries, Slater Turner, Jerry Brummer

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Andy Gallagher @ Crook County 4H Clover Building, 502 SE Lynn Blvd., Prineville

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Review of Minutes:** Trent moved to approve minutes. Ston seconded. Motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

#### **Old Business:**

Walton Lake Campground: The committee reviewed the final draft. Andy supplied edits that cleaned up a lot of the language and made the document readable. Ston moved to accept Andy's edits. Lynne Seconded. Motion Passed.

Frank asked that the highlights of the paper be read to the public present so that they would know what the Board was doing. Andy read the 3 alternatives plus the 2 recommended County Court action items.

Shane Jeffries (Ochoco Forest Supervisor) was asked question about the timing of activities to complete a record of decision, would a RD be done in 2019? Forest Service plan of work is being redone for 2019 due to the government shutdown. Walton Lake is still in the 2019 work plan. F.S. plans to have planning done in 2019.

### By-Law Review.

Steve moved to include 'no less than 9 and up to 11' under section 3 – membership. Teresa seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on Sec. 3B regarding federal agency membership on the committee. No action was taken on Sec 3B.

Ston moved to table by-law discussion until the March meeting. Teresa seconded. Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

Guest speaker Sean Curtis, Modoc County spoke to the group via conference phone on the value of Coordination and the use of it and other tools to interact with federal agency partners in the management of natural resources within the County. Sean pointed out that Coordination is the most effective tool because of its status in law at the Federal level. Modoc County has been using Coordination since the early 1990's.

Sean pointed out that local agency personnel are often not familiar with Coordination. Agency training rarely includes this concept in how staff should interact with local governments. Local governments are also not well versed in the subject. FLMPA requires early and meaningful involvement in local governments. It requires federal planning to achieve consistency between federal plans and County policies/plans. NFMA requires coordinated planning with local, state and tribal governments.

In Modoc County, Agencies bring project ideas to local natural resource committee, committee vets ideas and provides early and often to agency planning. County and Agencies officials meet often and in public meeting settings.

Modoc County does not use Coordination exclusively. They also participate on a project by project planning basis as a Coordinating Agency. By agreeing to be a Coordinating Agency, local government does not give up its right to Coordinate. Agencies like to use Cooperating Agency agreements, the agency decides who qualifies for CA agreements and the agency is not required to do anything but listen. Under CA agreements, local government participates as part of the Interdisciplinary Team (ID Team). Under Coordination, there is a requirement to gain consistency with local planning policy and gets ahead of the environmental documentation.

Teresa asked Sean about committee membership by federal agency personnel. Sean said in Modoc County they do not allow it. Modoc County membership requires county residence and not being a federal employee. Shane and Dennis (FS and BLM) indicated they would probably not approve employees being a voting member of the Advisory Committee.

As far as operations of Coordination, Sean recommended that the operations of the committee be kept separate from the Natural Resource Policy, that the process of Coordination and interaction is that of

conflict resolution and not a process to create conflict. Some Counties sign MOU with agencies to outline when, where and how communication and interaction will happen, although this may not be necessary.

The Committee thanked Sean for spending time with the group today on the phone. Sean extended his help in the future as we need it.

**Public Comment:**

Melinda Kessler (Prineville) thanked the Committee for the opportunity to hear Sean.

**Adjournment:**

Steve moved to adjourn. Trent Seconded. Motion Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting is March 13, 2019, @ 1:00 p.m.