



Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

February 20, 2014

Salem, OR

February 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Location: Teleconference
Department of State Lands main conference room
775 Summer St. NE Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301

Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

Commissioners Present:

Jay Graves, Chair

Commissioners attending via conference call:

Cal Mukumoto, Vice Chair

Robin Risley

Brad Chalfant

Wendy Veliz

Staff:

Lisa Van Laanen, Interim Director

Steve Shipsey, Assistant Attorney General

Vanessa DeMoe, Commission Assistant

Chris Havel, Associate Director, Communications & Research

John Potter, Assistant Director, Operations

Roger Roper, Assistant Director, Heritage and Community Programs

Jim Morgan, Stewardship Manager

Kammie Bunes, Acquisition and Property Management Specialist

Scott Nebeker, Engineering Manager

MG Devereux, Project manager

Tasha Petersen, HR Manager

Susan Kirschenmann, HR Analyst

Chris Matthews, DOJ

1-2 p.m. Executive Session

The Commission met in Executive Session to discuss acquisition priorities and opportunities, considering employment of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department director, and potential litigation. The Executive Session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a), (e), and (h). The Executive Session was closed to the public.

2 p.m. Business meeting

1. Approval of agenda (action)

Commissioner Veliz made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Public Comment:

Mike Freese, Oregon Farm Bureau – gave comment on agenda Item 3.

Craig Herman – gave comment on agenda Item 3.

Al Elkins, Oregon Hunters Association – gave comment on agenda Item 3.

Mr. Havel provided additional comment that had been sent out to the Commission via email prior to the meeting; the additional comments were provided by public citizens that hoped to make the meeting but were unable to attend.

[All of the public comment received is available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/pages/commission-grousemt.aspx>]

3. Grouse Mountain acquisition (action)

Jim Morgan, Stewardship Manager

Mr. Morgan provided background on the Grouse Mountain Acquisition, including past Commission action and the public process. He said that at the February 5, 2014 meeting, the Commission tabled action on the proposal pending its further review of the documents submitted at that meeting, and to give staff more time to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with Grant County addressing their concerns over continued agricultural use of the property and the possible effects of the acquisition on local government finances.

Mr. Morgan said that with the support of the Department of Justice, the department has updated the final proposed order regarding the Grouse Mountain Ranch acquisition presented at the February 5, 2015 meeting. He reported that as of February 14, 2014, an agreement with Grant County was still under negotiation. Mr. Morgan said that staff recommends that the Commission adopt the revised final order.

Commission and staff discussed the issues with the intergovernmental agreement and the partnership with Grant County.

Commissioner Veliz made a motion to not approve the acquisition of Grouse Mountain. Commissioner Mukumoto seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chair Graves – Y; Vice Chair Mukumoto – Y; Commissioner Chalfant – Y; Commissioner Risley – Y; Commissioner Veliz – Y

Mr. Matthews stated that staff needed direction from the Commission as to how to proceed under the purchase and sale agreement because it has a contingency that the department needs to respond to. Mr. Matthews clarified that the Commission was directing staff to terminate the agreement pursuant to that condition.

Commissioner Chalfant suggested a letter be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Meredith on behalf of the Commission and the department expressing our gratitude for their offer and our deep regret.

Audio for agenda Item 3, including the public comment is located at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/pages/commission-grousemt.aspx>

~~4. Bandon exchange (action) *This item was removed from the agenda, and tentatively rescheduled for April 9, 2014 at the meeting near Bend, Oregon.*~~

5. Selection of final OPRD director candidate (action)

Chris Havel, Associate Director of Communications and Research
Susan Kirschenmann, HR Analyst

Mr. Havel reviewed the recruitment process that was held for the director position. He said that six candidates were selected for the initial interviews; three went on to receive second interviews with a separate panel. Mr. Havel reported that after the completion of the interview process the panel has recommended a candidate for your considerations. Mr. Havel clarified that the action before the Commission was to accept the recommendation of the final interview panel and offer the position to Lisa Van Laanen.

Commissioner Veliz made a motion to accept the recommendation to offer the director position to Lisa Van Laanen. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chair Graves – Y; Vice Chair Mukumoto – Y; Commissioner Chalfant – Y; Commissioner Risley – Y; Commissioner Veliz – Y

6. Appointment of member to ATV Advisory Committee (action)

Roger Roper, Assistant Director of Heritage and Community Programs

Mr. Roper shared that the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends Greg Jackle as the department representative and Douglas County Sheriff recommended Jeff Frieze as law enforcement representative. He stated that staff was requesting the Commission approve the appointments to fill the vacancies on the new All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee

Commissioner Risley moved to approve the appointments to the All-Terrain Advisory Committee. Commissioner Mukumoto seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chair Graves – Y; Vice Chair Mukumoto – Y; Commissioner Chalfant – Y; Commissioner Risley – Y; Commissioner Veliz – Y