



**Clackamas SWCD Work Session Minutes for September 21, 2021**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Directors:</b>	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jim Johnson, Jesse Nelson (Vice Chair), Jan Lee, Joan Zuber
	<b>Associate Directors:</b>	PK Melethil, Anna Rankin
	<b>Directors Emeritus:</b>	
	<b>Staff:</b>	Nicole Ahr, Suzi Cloutier, Jason Faucera, Courtney Gattuso, Tami Guttridge, Lindsey Karr, Lisa Kilders, Clair Klock, Chris Lapp, Sam Leininger, Cathy McQueeney, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker
	<b>Partners:</b>	Al Hrynyshyn (Soil and Water Conservation Commission)
	<b>Guest:</b>	
<b>NOT PRESENT:</b>		

**1 – CALL TO ORDER and PRESENTATION**

Call to order – Staff Kilders called the session to order at 3:00 p.m., September 21, 2021, via “Zoom” originating from a call at the Clackamas SWCD conference room at 22055 S Beaver Creek Rd, Beaver Creek, Oregon.

The goal of the work session is to refamiliarize the Board and staff with the details surrounding the acquisition and subsequent management activities that have transpired on the Eagle Creek Community Forest to provide a consistent understanding by all, prior to strategic planning this fall.

Staff Kilders informed the attendees that the session would be recorded for the benefit of staff who could not attend.

- Staff Faucera recapped the timeline of the acquisition of the property that became the Eagle Creek Community Forest

Staff Tucker discussed the financial agreements involved in the acquisition of the community forest. The District entered in an agreement with the Trust for Public Lands to purchase the former Weyerhaeuser property and then sell it to the District. The District also applied for and received a US Forest Service Grant to reduce the cost of the purchase for the District. Tucker also outlined the bank financing and payment schedule for the property.

- Staff Faucera reviewed the terms and conditions of the grant.

- Staff Cooley gave an overview of the management plan that Trout Mountain Forestry was contracted to develop in conjunction with the Community Forest Advisory Committee. This was a requirement of the US Forest Service Grant. Cooley noted that there is a conceptual access plan for entities who own property around the forest. Those entities are Bureau of Land Management, Portland General Electric, and the Eagle Fern Park.
- Staff Kilders presented pictures of wildlife that have been observed in the forest.
- Kilders noted that the Community Forest Advisory Committee had met and toured the property. Other tours included one with the District Board and a legislative tour arranged by Board Director Jan Lee.
- Staff Reische reviewed the Districts cooperation with projects that have taken place on Suter Creek just outside the forest's boundaries, including providing a helicopter landing/staging pad for the placement of logs and log storage.
- Cooley discussed maintenance that has taken place at the forest, including weed treatments, road maintenance, and slash burning. Road maintenance was part of the grant agreement for work on Suter Creek.
- Cooley presented the financial impact of the described maintenance on the Forest. These costs will need to be included in the Districts budget discussion.
- GM Lapp discussed on-going financial impacts, the need to protect the investment, and devoting more funding for management.
- The District will need to come up with an active access plan. Access must be equitable to all community members.
- Discussions topics for future planning include climate change and expanding the management plan.

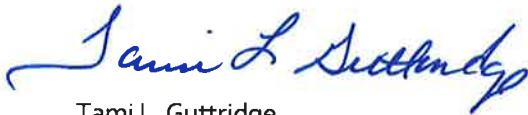
### ***Questions following presentation***

- When will the Forest be paid off? Staff Tucker stated that the final payment is due in June of 2028
- Associated Director Melethil would like to ride along with staff out to the property again.
- Chair Becker asked who managed the Eagle Fern Park, how long had it been around, and did they have any rules the District can follow. Staff Faucera reported that this is a Clackamas County owned and funded park. Because the Community Forest is a working forest the District will have to follow the Forest Practices Act.
- Director Fantz noted that the Eagle Fern Park charged a parking fee and has a small trail system. Staff Faucera noted that the District will probably have to have specific agreements with the county concerning mutual parking or maintenance.

- Director Lee noted that the Bureau of Land Management might be interested in land trades.
- Director Guttridge noted that there were multiple concerns regarding equine use of the property.
- Staff Faucera asked how often there would be harvesting on the property. Staff Cooley noted that the Management Plan called for thinning by parcel and different stands would have different timelines based on growth, markets, and the availability of timber companies to do the harvesting, but probably every five years or so.

The work session was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. to be followed by the regular Board meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge  
Office Administrator