



COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY BOARD

November 13, 2024

6:00pm

Development Services Building  
150 Beaver Creek Rd., Room 118  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Hybrid zoom link:

<https://clackamascounty.zoom.us/j/5871843051>

Meeting ID: 587 184 3051

I. Call To Order – Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 6:19pm

Members present – Brent Keller, Dan Green, Molly McKnight, Mark Rasmussen, Bill Street

Staff present – Sarah Eckman, Andrew Dobmeier, Lisa Harman

II. Citizen Input

No citizen input

III. Business

a. Review of Minutes from August 20, 2024, meeting

- There was a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and passed.

b. Timber Sale Summary – Andrew

- Wild Trout Sale

There were 7 bidders on the sale and Stella Jones Corporation was awarded the contract. The total volume estimate was 1.478 MBF and the total volume actual was 1.924 MBF. The total value realized for the sale was \$1,332,851.04. King Brothers Logging handled the logging portion of the sale and there were 400 loads of timber and 25% of the logs were poles. The sale was a scale sale, and it was a good experience working with Stella Jones and King Brothers. Scale sales allow more control over the sale to get better pricing and often end up more profitable. Revenue from the sale is kept in the Forestry account and a transfer of funds to Parks will happen after invoices from the sale are paid.

- Preparations for 2025 Sale

The last unit (Wild Trout III) will be about 1 MBF. The unit was thinned in the 1990's, so trees are bigger and farther spaced apart. It is estimated to be up to 50 acres, and there will be some road construction to connect the 20 gate to the road to avoid going through the Weyerhaeuser property.

The County was able to get recognized as a small woodlands owner, thus allowing us to have an 80 ft stream buffer, which will help to reach the volume on the sale.

The Forestry Advisory Board discussed bid sales and lengths of contract periods, as well as levels of risk on different types of sales. In the circumstance of the most recent sale, a scale sale, the volume was more because the latest timber cruise of the area was 7 years ago, which gave the trees more time to add growth and volume.

More information will be available on the next sale soon, and the goal is to have the bid packet available by the end of the year. The public input piece has already been completed.

### c. Forestry Program Updates

- Contracts

- We are planting 96 acres with 40,000 trees in the Wild Trout area, some isolated parcels interplanting and the old gravel quarry adjacent to Barton Park.
- In Barton we have sprayed and cut weeds and other growth to prepare the area. We have a 60-70% survival in the area we planted last year, which is an improvement. The trees were watered 2x per week during the hotter months.
- We will be pre-commercial thinning on 65 acres at Wildcat. One more year of thinning should take care of the accelerated cut area.
- There are some labor contracts out that will help with physical labor including spraying, brush cutting, caging trees at the pond at Barton, and covering piles. Some areas were sprayed first and are now being planted to reduce the number of trees accidentally killed from spraying.
- There was discussion regarding planting and spraying techniques.
- Barton will have a better mix of trees, and the cost is about \$1.10 - \$1.20 to get a tree in the ground.
- Contracts must be put out for bid every year. Decisions on which bids to accept is based on multiple criteria including cost and quality of work.

- Other Updates

- A custom flatbed is being built for the new fire truck and will replace two older trucks. It will be used for fire in the summer and to pull the excavator.
- The County has had some issues with illegal shooting up at Wildcat. Forestry has been cleaning them up and has had new signs made.
- We are going to start working to gate off the road at Hope Lake in the winter.
- Forestry is working with other departments on tree issues, specifically Roads, Parks, and Disaster Management.
- There was discussion of the size of trees for planting. Trees at Barton are expected to have a higher mortality rate due to the soil. There will be 7 more years of planting in Barton. Forestry has planted Valley Ponderosa, Jeffery Pine, Incense Cedar, and Coastal Redwood, which is doing the best. We also planted

Oregon White Oak, Doug Fir, Western Red Cedar, Elderberry, and will probably add more fruiting trees.

- The College of Construction is still working in the park and will excavate to make extra parking.
- There was discussion regarding Stone Creek Golf Course, plans for irrigation at the course, and the expiration of the current contract.
- There was discussion regarding new incoming Commissioners in January. A motion was made to extend an invitation to the incoming Commissioners. The motion was seconded and passed.

d. 2025 meeting dates

- Quarters 1 & 2

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6pm at DSB (subject to change based on Commissioner scheduling)

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6pm at DSB

IV. Good of the Order

None.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.