

AGENDA



Natural Resources Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held virtually.

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	TIME	ITEM	PAGE	SPEAKER
1.	4:00 p.m.	Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions	X	Co-Chair Nash
2.	4:05 p.m.	Approval of Agenda (ACTION)	X	Co-Chair Nash
3.	4:07 p.m.	Federal Land Management Subcommittee (ACTION) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation to refund net 2020 and 2021 subcommittee dues	2-4	Co-Chair Nash Drenda Howatt
7.	4:50 p.m.	Other Business/Announcements	X	Co-Chair Nash
8.	5:00 p.m.	Adjourn	X	Co-Chair Nash

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MEMO

DATE: April 6, 2022
TO: AOC Natural Resources Steering Committee
FROM: Federal Land Management Subcommittee
STAFF: Drenda Howatt, Legislative Affairs Manager, AOC
SUBJECT: Federal Land Management Subcommittee Dues

RECOMMENDATION

Support the recommendations of the Federal Land Management Subcommittee regarding the refunding of 2020 and 2021 Federal Land Management Subcommittee dues.

BACKGROUND

The AOC Federal Land Management Subcommittee (FMLS) is a subcommittee of the AOC Natural Resources Steering Committee and was formed with the adoption of the subcommittee current bylaws in 2017.

In recent years, the subcommittee has primarily operated as the Oregon counties' spearhead on issues related to extension of federal forest payments and more active and productive management of federal forestlands, which benefit the 30 national forest counties. Subcommittee actions must be approved by the AOC Natural Resources Steering Committee.

The subcommittee has Tri-Chairs, each with one vote:

- One Chair is a current Chair of the AOC Public Lands & Natural Resources Committee.
- One Chair is the current President of the Association of O&C Counties.
- One Chair is appointed by the Eastern Oregon Counties Association.

Counties eligible for membership are those that qualify for national forest road receipts or successor safety net road receipts. Subcommittee dues are based on relative National Forest receipts or substituted Secure Rural Schools Act revenue.

The FLMS bylaws state "an eligible county becomes a member by payment of the dues assessment for the current year", and that each member county holds one position on the Board of Directors and has one vote. The bylaws also direct that a "member county must appoint one of its governing body members to vote on its behalf. The county makes the

appointment of its voting member by a letter signed by the majority of the governing body and delivered to subcommittee staff when it pays its dues to the subcommittee.”

Prior to March 31, 2022, the subcommittee’s last meeting was held in March, 2020. The subcommittee held no in-person or virtual meetings from April 2020 through February 2022. On May 15, 2020, AOC Natural Resources Legislative Affairs Manager, Susan Morgan, at the request of the then Tri-Chairs Freeman, Sweet, and Boyd, sent an email survey to each of the FLMS counties on the desire to continue the work of the subcommittee.

Thirteen counties responded to the email survey, with twelve expressing interest in dissolution of the subcommittee, and one expressing interest in continuation of the subcommittee for a year.

In Spring 2022, AOC legal counsel, Kirk Mylander, analyzed the email survey and determined the email conversation did not constitute a properly noticed meeting for purposes of dissolution. Therefore, in compliance with public meeting laws and to conduct the business of the FLMS, current subcommittee Tri- Chair Todd Nash (Co-Chair of AOC Natural Resources Steering Committee) called a meeting of the FMLS for March 31, 2022.

SUMMARY

The Federal Land Management Subcommittee (FLMS) met (virtually) on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

The agenda included discussion and action items on:

- Status of subcommittee moving forward
- Status of subcommittee dues

AOC staff gave an update on the current voting members of the subcommittee. Twenty-four of the thirty eligible counties have paid either their 2021 or their 2022 dues and are therefore members of the subcommittee.

Seventeen of those twenty-four counties sent a written designation signed by a majority of their governing body designating their voting member as required by the bylaws. During the subcommittee meeting, it was determined by AOC Counsel Kirk Mylander that the current President of the Association of O&C Counties also is a voting member of the subcommittee. Commissioner Tim Freeman is the current President of the Association and thus a voting member of the FLMS subcommittee.

During the meeting on March 31st, two different motions to dissolve the subcommittee were entertained. Each failed with a 9-9-0 vote.

- Motion to disband the subcommittee: failed (tie) 9-9-0
- Motion to disband the subcommittee and move the work to the Natural Resources Steering Committee: failed (tie) 9-9-0

Following the discussion on possible dissolution of the subcommittee, the subcommittee reviewed the status of dues payments. Two different motions relating to dues were entertained:

- Motion to wait and decide on dues at a later date: failed 7-10-0
- Motion to refund net 2020 and net 2021 dues: passed 15-2-0

The motion to refund net 2020 and 2021 dues now moves to the AOC Natural Resources Steering Committee for action, and then to the AOC Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPACT

Refunding the net 2020 and 2021 dues will reduce the Federal Land Management Subcommittee fund balance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- [Federal Land Management Subcommittee Bylaws](#)
- [Federal Land Management Subcommittee Agenda/Meeting Packet March 31, 2022](#)