

**GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES**

Monday, July 22, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Virtual Public Meeting

1) Call to Order: (Linda Kozlowski, Board Chair)

Chair Kozlowski called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2) Introductions: (Linda Kozlowski, Board Chair and Staff)

Chair Linda Kozlowski, Vice-Chair Anne MacDonald, and Board Members Diane Teeman, Tiffany Thomas, and Ruth Dittrich were all in attendance via Zoom video/phone.

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Staff in attendance:

Ruarri Day-Stirrat, Director/State Geologist

Sarah Lewis, MLRR Program Manager

Lori Calarruda, Recording Secretary/Executive Assistant

Alex Lopez, Public Affairs Coordinator

Steve Dahlberg, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Jason McClaughry, Interim GS&S Program Manager

Christina Appleby, Legislative Coordinator/Geologist

Others in attendance:

Diane Lloyd, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Nancy Turner, Leadership Alchemy

3) Review 2025-27 Agency Request Budget (ARB):

Ruarri Day-Stirrat, Director; reviewed the 2025-27 Agency Request Budget (ARB) for DOGAMI.

Chair Kozlowski stated with all her time on the Board, this is probably the best budget she has seen for DOGAMI. It is innovative, thoughtful and the explanations are very clear and precise. The information allows for everyone to have a sense about what DOGAMI does and the contribution it makes to the State. She gave kudos to Director Day-Stirrat and staff for putting together an exceptional document.

Day-Stirrat stated the budget was presented during the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting. This version had a minor update for the vacancy assessed on the Agency, the previous version recorded 5% which should actually be 1.5%, causing a slight adjustment in the numbers of the budget. The Policy Option Packages (POPs) presented in June are all in this packet. This budget narrative is a complete rewrite from past biennium versions. He asked the Board if they had any questions on the information in the Board Packet.

Thomas asked if there was anything in the plan related to issues surrounding ground water, climate change impacts, or water quality assessments. Day-Stirrat answered no, and explained the Agency

19 has authority on the mining side to request operators collect certain data as part of the permitting
20 process, but on the Geological Survey side it does not have water directly in its structure, and water
21 quality data collection is not routinely done by DOGAMI.
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23 Thomas asked if that would fall under mandates regarding the permit requirements if needed. Day-
24 Stirrat answered yes, if it was needed on an individual site basis.
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26 Vice-Chair Macdonald said stormwater construction permitting does cover turbidity, so that
27 monitoring happens. Related to climate change, she asked if the Class VI well regulatory program
28 was designed to look at carbon sequestration issues. Day-Stirrat said yes, there are two POPs related
29 to climate. The first is for subsurface geology that seeks to find locations where geologic carbon
30 sequestration could occur at the state level, and the second is a position in the MLRR Program for
31 Class VI regulatory work for permitting of carbon sequestration or CO2 injection.
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33 Dittrich asked if the permit fee increases would cause a decrease in demand for permits and if that is
34 considered in the budget. Day-Stirrat said after the last fee increase there has been a steady increase
35 in permit numbers.
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37 Kozlowski asked Day-Stirrat to address the two Public Comments received. Day-Stirrat said the Public
38 Comments received reflects the Fee Bill. In the past band aids were placed on the MLRR program
39 and kept the program the same size. This budget is a material change to the Program, with the
40 intention to be a firm, fair, and consistent regulatory agency with customer service and community
41 service approaches. The package is comprehensive and covers many aspects of permitting, drilling,
42 customer support, and recognizes the difference between small and large operations, which requires
43 a fee increase. The current service level will not sustain the Program beyond June or July of 2025. He
44 expects a robust conversation on this topic.
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46 Thomas said the OCAPA comments said the permits were not subdivided by permit application type
47 and publicly viewable. Day-Stirrat said the Board Packet does reflect that information, but going
48 forward those can be made more visible.
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50 Dittrich asked about the comment regarding the permitting process by work group, and the
51 evaluation of the last fee increase in 2021. Day-Stirrat said the past Fee increase was successful
52 because there was not fee increase the previous biennium and the Program will meet its operating
53 balance target by the end of this biennium. As a strategic decision, limited duration staff have also
54 been hired to help get on top of the increased workload. it had not had a fee increase in several
55 years. The Legislative Concept and POP are to separate out various aspects of permitting, including
56 drilling and aggregate.
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58 Chair Kozlowski said if the Board is comfortable with the budget, POPs and narrative presented, the
59 next step is to vote to allow her to sign the budget document on behalf of the Board once the final
60 numbers have been put into the correct areas.
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62 **Board Action: Teeman moved to approve the DOGAMI Governing Board authorizes Chair Kozlowski**
63 **to sign and certify the DOGAMI 2025-2027 Agency Request Budget on behalf of the Governing**
64 **Board. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.**
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66 **4) Discuss September 19, 2024 Board Meeting:**

67 Chair Kozlowski discussed having an in-person Board retreat for Members to get to know each other,
68 and reviewed the expectations and limitations based on a response received from the Oregon Ethics
69 Commission. The proposal was to have a two part full-day meeting. The first part is a non-public
70 retreat, in which discussions about operations or direction of the Board are not allowed to be
71 discussed. A second part will be a public meeting where staff will give a presentation to the Board on
72 a subject they want to move forward with, ideas were discussed.
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74 The date chosen for the in-person retreat is Tuesday, October 15, 2024 that is anticipated to end by
75 3:00 pm.
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77 Chair Kozlowski introduced Nancy Turner as the facilitator for the meeting and asked her to
78 introduce herself. Turner is a leadership coach and consultant who works with nonprofits and
79 organizations, and her small practice is based out of Manzanita. She previously worked for Nike and
80 Bank of America.
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82 **5) Public Comment:**

83 Only written comments received prior to or by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting were to be
84 accepted. Chair Kozlowski asked for any written public comments. Two Public Comments were
85 received.
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87 Written public comment from Matthew Hinck, on behalf of Northwest Aggregates Co.: It was not
88 read into the record due to its length but is related to the proposed DOGAMI fee increases. It will be
89 attached with the minutes and made public for review.
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91 Written public comment from Rich Angstrom, on behalf of OCAPA: It was not read into the record
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93 minutes and made public for review.
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95 **5) Board Adjourn:**

96 Chair Kozlowski adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.
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