

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

Thursday, March 14 2024

8:30 a.m.

Virtual Public Meeting

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

Chair Kozlowski called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

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

Chair Linda Kozlowski, Vice-Chair Anne MacDonald, Board Members Diane Teeman, and Tiffany Thomas 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)

Vaughn Balzer, MLRR Floodplain Mining Reclamationist/DOGAMI Rules Coordinator

Christina Appleby, Legislative Coordinator/Geologist

Cari Buchner, Mining Compliance Coordinator

John Hook, Mining Geologist

Others in attendance:

Diane Lloyd, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Kendra Beck, DAS Office of the Chief Financial Officer

**1 3) Review Minutes of December 11, 2023 Board Meeting:**

2 Chair Kozlowski asked if there were any changes to the minutes as presented. No changes.

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4 Board Action: **MacDonald moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023 as submitted.**  
5 **Thomas seconded. Motion carried.**

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7 Chair Kozlowski confirmed the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting date, stating Special Meetings may need  
8 to be scheduled prior to then to meet required deadlines.

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10 **4) Financial Report:**

11 Steve Dahlberg, Chief Financial Officer, presented the DOGAMI Budget Status Report, as of December  
12 31, 2023, ending the second quarter of the 2023-25 biennium, for the Geological Survey and Services  
13 (GS&S) and Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation (MLRR) programs. The Board Packet contained  
14 the financial actuals, graphs, and projections.

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16 Dahlberg reviewed and presented highlights and a brief financial summary, using rounded dollars  
17 rather than whole dollars. The future SalPot adjustment for COLAs and Step Increases was not  
18 included in this report, as it is not official yet, but is expected to be by the next meeting.  
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20 MLRR's Expenditure Limitation is \$4.8M with expected expenditures of \$5.0M, resulting in being  
21 \$.2M over the current Expenditure Limitation, requiring DOGAMI to seek an increase in the  
22 Expenditure Limitation through Legislative Approval after the SalPot adjustment is provided.  
23 Dahlberg explained it is not a cash flow issue, but an Expenditure Authority that needs to be  
24 increased. MRR is still on target for the 6 month operating reserve based on the current numbers.  
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26 Chair Kozlowski asked what the SalPot was and how it is funded. Dahlberg explained it is a salary  
27 adjustment the State puts together for expected COLAs and Step Increases to take place over the  
28 biennium, that is not included in the Agency's initial budget. For staff paid through General Fund the  
29 budget is increased, for those paid through Federal Funds or Other Funds, the Expenditure Limitation  
30 is increased, which still requires the Agency to earn the money through permit fees or grants.  
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32 Chair Kozlowski asked for more information about the Agency being \$1.6M under the Expenditure  
33 Limitation. Dahlberg explained DOGAMI asked for the Expenditure Limitation based on the previous  
34 biennium's projections. It is not a cash flow problem, only an ask for a higher level of authority to  
35 spend for future grants.  
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37 Vice-Chair MacDonald asked if there are any agency agreements with other state agencies as part of  
38 the budget. Dahlberg answered they would be under Other Funds, but are not called out directly in  
39 the packet. MacDonald asked for the breakdown of each partner DOGAMI does work with in future  
40 reports, to better understand DOGAMI's role in the Governor's Natural Resource Cabinet ecosystem.  
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42 Dahlberg reviewed graphs showing the budget summary, projections, and expected budget trends.  
43 He explained the \$112,203 difference between the projections from December's Board Meeting to  
44 now, is due to increased staff allocation, travel, outreach events, and IT Costs.  
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46 Chair Kozlowski said it is helpful having the changes identified between the Board Meetings, and  
47 asked as a Board Member, if there is anything she should be concerned about. Dahlberg reviewed a  
48 slide showing months with spikes of annual costs, and assessments from other agencies. One large  
49 cost coming up is for ESRI, as they are raising their rates by 75%-80%. Kozlowski asked what ESRI is  
50 and why the increase is so high. Dahlberg explained ESRI is the GIS software program used for all the  
51 Agency's mapping work, and is changing from concurrent licensing to named licensee. Day-Stirrat  
52 added that several agencies use ESRI and the State is negotiating the pricing agreement, which may  
53 lower the cost; the budget is showing worst case scenario. Vice-Chair MacDonald added this ESRI  
54 problem is hitting everyone, since it virtually has a monopoly. Kozlowski thanked MacDonald for the  
55 additional information.  
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57 Dahlberg said the decrease in Other Funds is due to shifting staff to Federal Funds projects, and an  
58 increase in Lidar costs. He reviewed the GS&S Grants, stating there is more grant work and less Lidar  
59 projects. Dahlberg described how he uses placeholders in his budget system/platform for  
60 projections, constantly compares it to the history, adjusts as necessary, and then adds in the actuals.  
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62 MLRR had a minor increase in staffing and decrease in professional services, due to the ePermitting  
63 project being delayed and pushed out until later in the year. Dahlberg said the Agency will need to

64 go through the Legislative process to increase MLRR's authority to spend. Chair Kozlowski said it is  
65 important to track and manage the funds and spending.

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67 Dahlberg wrapped up by saying DOGAMI is doing well and continues to have a very healthy outlook.  
68 Chair Kozlowski said it was a great report and Dahlberg is doing an excellent job.

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70 Teeman said it is inspiring that the Agency has come this far, as she remembers the difficulties  
71 around the finances and getting everything organized and on track. She recognized it is a whole  
72 team effort and thanked Dahlberg for the report.

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74 Board Action: **Teeman moved to accept the Budget Status Report as presented. Macdonald**  
75 **seconded. Motion carried.**  
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#### 77 5) **Rule Writing:**

78 Vaughn Balzer, MLRR Floodplain Mining Reclamationist and DOGAMI Rules Coordinator, and Diane  
79 Lloyd, Senior Assistant Attorney General DOJ, reviewed/provided an update on the formal  
80 rulemaking process for changing OAR 632-030-0056.

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82 Balzer stated DOGAMI received three written and two oral responses during the public comment  
83 period on the proposed rule change, which have been included in the Board Packet.

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85 Lloyd provided background on the reason for the proposed rulemaking. She stated the Department  
86 has the authority in Chapter 517 to suspend mining operations under certain circumstances, such as  
87 Mining Without a Permit or violating their permit by being out of compliance. The previous rules  
88 caused some confusion about the Department's administrative process, and the revised rules are to  
89 clarify that Suspensions Orders take effect immediately as Final Orders that are still appealable but  
90 through a different administrative process. The Agency has historically issued Suspension Orders as  
91 effective immediately and implemented them as such, therefore nothing has changed  
92 administratively.

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94 Lloyd stated the comments from industry generally raise concerns as a change in the administrative  
95 process and their preference would the Department issue Proposed Suspension Orders that allow  
96 them to continue to operate while the hearing process plays out. DOGAMI does not view that as  
97 workable, and uses Statutory Authority provided in 517 to issue Suspension Orders with expectation  
98 they be effective immediately. She stated the difference is when the Department issues proposed  
99 orders, they are subject to a Contested Case through the Administrative Hearing process, whereas  
100 Final Orders go through the Appeals process in Circuit Court.

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102 Thomas said the comments reflected a presumption of guilt. Lloyd answered the Department has  
103 used the authority only in extreme cases, and the expectation is they would stop their activity  
104 immediately. They have an opportunity to challenge the order.

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106 Vice-Chair MacDonald said DEQ has internal management directives that clarify policy, and asked if a  
107 formalization of Department practice would be helpful. Lloyd answered that something that  
108 generally affects the interest of the public the Agency tries to put in rule, but this is something that  
109 could be considered. She added a Notice of Violation has usually been provided prior to the  
110 Suspension Order and they are given an opportunity to correct the issue. Both Lloyd and MacDonald

111 emphasized a Suspension Order is part of an escalating enforcement action/process and not an initial  
112 step, except in egregious cases or circumstances.

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114 Board Action: **MacDonald moved to approve filing the final permanent rule for OAR 632-030-0056**  
115 **with an effective date of April 1, 2024. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.**

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117 **6) Legislative Update:**

118 Christina Appleby, Legislative Coordinator, provided a Legislative Update.

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120 Appleby provided a brief update on the Short Session, that took place in February and part of March.  
121 It was focused on affordable housing, homelessness, addiction treatment, drug possession  
122 recriminalization, and campaign finance report. DOGAMI had limited involvement, except the  
123 ePermitting update in writing and verbal testimony by Sarah Lewis. The Agency is leveraging the DEQ  
124 project work, which has been delayed, requiring the ePermitting funds to be carried/transferred over  
125 to the next biennium. Looking forward, DOGAMI can expect appearing in front of the Legislature for  
126 competitive grants.

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128 Vice-Chair MacDonald asked with the incentives for more housing, if any legislators have shown  
129 interest in or if there is an opportunity to develop connections related to hazards around new  
130 housing. Appleby said yes, several legislators are aware of the hazards in Oregon, but did not think of  
131 any actual actions that had been taken during this session. MacDonald said she was thinking channel  
132 migration zones and landslides. Appleby agreed and said DOGAMI had done some similar hazard  
133 reports in the past.

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135 Chair Kozlowski thanked Appleby for a great report.

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137 Briefing: **No Board Action Required.**

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139 **7) Strategic Planning Discussion:**

140 Director Day-Stirrat presented/reviewed the draft Strategic Plan information for discussion with the  
141 Board.

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143 Day-Stirrat said strategic planning is extremely difficult to do. There are immediate goals, but it is  
144 important to think at the highest level about the direction of the Agency and what the future could  
145 be. A Strategic Plan is a framework that allows the Agency to build underneath it. The last one was  
146 good for calling out the work DOGAMI does, but did not go across the entire Agency, as an example,  
147 MLRR only had one page in an eight page document. DOGAMI wants a document the entire Agency  
148 can pull from in multiple places, and that will ultimately be a guide towards budget development.  
149 The deadline for a finalized plan to be submitted to the Governor's Office is June 1, 2024.

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151 Day-Stirrat reviewed the steps in developing the plan. It was updated to align with the Governor's  
152 Natural Resources Office (GNRO) Strategy and it is to position Oregon to be the destination for  
153 innovative initiatives, integrating research, private sector investment, and policies to address  
154 emissions reductions, resiliency of natural landscape and in the face of climate change.

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156 Day-Stirrat said the Mission, Vision and Values were not changed, as they still reflect what the  
157 Agency is about. One requirement added to the Strategic Plan is an Equity Statement and it will be  
158 located on the first page of the Plan.

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160 The Strategic Plan is structured around imperatives with underlying objectives and actioned by  
161 initiatives. There are five overarching imperatives: Maintain Excellence; Embrace Innovation; Build  
162 Resiliency; Improve Service; Expand Outreach. The first four reflect what DOGAMI is. Day-Stirrat  
163 went through each imperative with the Board and stated the actual plan will center around geology  
164 to speak to all of Oregon, and will have imagery related to the different areas of the state.

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166 Kozlowski said the Director and staff did an amazing job completing the draft Strategic Plan, and was  
167 curious about the pictures used in the background and if they can be identified. Day-Stirrat stated all  
168 pictures were taken by him, and went through them with the Board.

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170 Vice-Chair MacDonald is very impressed and suggested opening up a background photo contest to all  
171 staff. She felt Resiliency and Environmental Justice were not linked. On Maintaining Excellence, with  
172 regards to the Gallup Survey, it might be worthwhile to not just empower staff to improve internal  
173 processes to lead change and drive efficiencies, but seek the resources necessary to have the staff  
174 the Agency deserves, and put that objective on Leadership. With respect to Innovation, the term  
175 partners is used, but she believes it should be weaved through the other imperatives as well. She  
176 thinks DOGAMI should be seen as a proactive agency instead of a reactive resource, and could be  
177 strengthened by incorporating partnership and partner into more of the objectives.

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179 Teeman asked if these draft documents are sent to the Tribes for comments. Day-Stirrat answered  
180 he thought the information in the Board Packet could be sent out for comments, but the timeline and  
181 Tribal Government capacity issues might require the Agency to make an amendment at a later date if  
182 comments are received. Teeman stated it might be good to have a work meeting on the document,  
183 as she has concerns regarding the term “words are loaded” and wants more information on what  
184 that means.

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186 Lloyd said a Work Session would need to be a public meeting and a notice provided to the public. A  
187 Lengthy discussion took place. A one hour Work Session was scheduled for March 27, 2024 at 8:30  
188 a.m., and a Special Meeting for final vote on April 4, 2024 at 10 a.m.

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190 Briefing: **No Board Action Required.**

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192 **8) Agency Request Budget Discussion:**

193 Director Day-Stirrat introduced draft budget information to initiate the Agency Request Budget (ARB)  
194 discussions.

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196 The 2025-27 Budget timelines and our Governing Board Meetings do not line up. As such, the  
197 following budget discussion is very initial in nature and the Agency wishes to be clear about where in  
198 the process this discussion is occurring.

- 199 • The Governor has established different expectations for the process we will use to develop  
200 Agency Requested Budgets and ultimately the Governor’s Recommended Budget.

- 201 • What we are about to present is a point in time in an ongoing conversation with the Governor's  
202 office around priorities.
- 203 • The Gov Office will make priorities for expenditure requests across agencies at an earlier stage  
204 in the budget development process than may have occurred in the past.
- 205 • April 30th is the anticipated deadline for a first cut at the ARB, with back and forth between  
206 many parties before and after that date.
- 207 • Because of today's meeting schedule, we are discussing **draft** packages that have not all been  
208 fully reviewed and incorporated into the priority process.
- 209 • As a result, there is no certainty that POPs discussed today will advance forward into the  
210 Agency's Requested Budget document.
- 211 • We have made a list of our requests: "Critical to Agency Operations/Customer Service",  
212 "Supports/Enhances Execution of Existing Program Authority, and "Addressing Critical Need to  
213 Build Greater Landscape Resiliency".  
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215 Day-Stirrat asked the Board Members if the Agency mapped the criticality of the Policy Option  
216 Packages (POPs) appropriately. Chair Kozlowski asked if they were in the order of priority. Day-  
217 Stirrat answered yes.  
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219 Vice-Chair MacDonald said it is very forward-looking, and applauded him and staff for putting it  
220 together. She suggested making conceptual links for a few of them in successive lines. For #15, the  
221 bathymetric Lidar would help with hazards, as well as help with understanding the response of  
222 estuaries to sea level rise, not just habitat issues. Day-Stirrat stated last time things were grouped  
223 together and this time they were split out.  
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225 Thomas asked if they are in order based on size of budget for them, and she would like comparative  
226 order of magnitude and funding sources added to the list for them. She asked if all are General Fund  
227 alignments or going to be cost sharing between multiple funding sources. Day-Stirrat stated anything  
228 that is GS&S the Agency will go after Federal Funds, but it is unable to be done without some General  
229 Fund Support. Thomas requested a summary of that information, stating it would be helpful to see if  
230 other priorities could be addressed more quickly due to funding availability.  
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232 Chair Kozlowski asked if there will be a presentation to the Legislature on the POPs and if matching  
233 funds will be discussed. Day-Stirrat said they will go into the ARB and then a presentation to the  
234 Legislature will take place. Kozlowski asked if carbon sequestration will be a priority for the  
235 Governor. Day-Stirrat said he hoped it would be, and added he attended a workshop a few weeks  
236 ago to discuss what is the base and scale that needs to happen to advance carbon sequestration.  
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238 Chair Kozlowski and Day-Stirrat asked if the Board is comfortable with the way the POPs are  
239 structured, if they are mapped correctly, and if there are any additional priorities. Thomas stated her  
240 understanding of the list, as drafted, achieves that and sets up next discussions with the addition of  
241 the other funding detail that was previously discussed.  
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243 Vice-Chair MacDonald asked who the partner agencies are for some of these initiatives, so DOGAMI  
244 can demonstrate added value that is not necessarily showing. Day-Stirrat agreed and discussed a few  
245 examples.

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247 Chair Kozlowski said she liked the suggestions by Board Members, that it will be helpful for the next  
248 conversation. She added she is impressed by the courage of the ask, stating it is forward thinking,  
249 brave, and where the Board wants the Agency to be.

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251 Board Action: **Thomas moved to approve the Policy Option Packages (POPs), with the additional**  
252 **requested information from the Board, to move them to the next step. Teeman seconded. Motion**  
253 **carried.**

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255 **9) Civil Penalties:**

256 Sarah Lewis, MLRR Program Manager, and Cari Buchner, Mining Compliance Coordinator, presented  
257 Program recommended Civil Penalties for two cases.

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259 Case 1: Ekroth Quarry (site ID #29-0040) Update on Civil Penalty Case for Mining Without a Permit  
260 and request for approval of refined penalty calculation.

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262 Lewis provided a brief overview of the Civil Penalties being discussed for the Ekroth Quarry. She  
263 stated the Program has made some changes to how calculations were being done, but there are no  
264 changes in the total maximum amount of \$432,000.00 and lower minimum amount of \$68,500.00,  
265 approved by the Board in December 2022. The Program is requesting concurrence and approval of  
266 the changes.

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268 Lloyd reviewed the violations and changes made to penalty charges calculation. Buchner added the  
269 total penalty amount has not changed, just shifted how they were applied due to terminology  
270 rewording.

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272 Board Action: **Teeman moved to approve the slight verbiage changes of the refined penalty**  
273 **calculation. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.**

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276 Buchner reviewed the Steps for Assessing Civil Penalties, that can be found on the Agency's website.

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278 Case 2: Pine Creek (site ID #01-0029) Request for Approval of Civil Penalty for Mining Without a  
279 Permit.

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281 Buchner reviewed the Bonanza Mine, Pine Creek (01-0029) details, and shared pictures showing the  
282 site damage being the reason for the Civil Penalty. She stated ultimately the goal is to achieve  
283 compliance at the site. She explained the summary of violations and walked the Board through the  
284 severity chart and penalty breakdown.

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286 Thomas asked if the climate difference and inactive period of the were taken into account for the  
287 monthly tally of the penalty summation. Buchner answered yes, it was based on imagery and the  
288 seasonal closure reports to establish the mining season.

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290 Vice-Chair MacDonald stated the points of a Civil Penalty are to catch attention, and to make State,  
291 Federal, and private resources whole in the event the operator walks away. She asked if DOGAMI is  
292 working with other agencies for penalties. Buchner said she has reached out to them, but all of

293 DOGAMI’s violations are above ordinary high water, which leaves the jurisdiction for US Army Corps,  
294 DSL, and DEQ the freedom to assess penalties in those areas. At this point in time they are not  
295 currently pursuing penalties, but the operators are out of compliance with those permits and those  
296 agencies and struggling to get them into compliance.

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298 Chair Kozlowski said the report is an example of excellent staff work, is comprehensive in detail, and  
299 the egregious nature of the work this mine is doing is environmentally horrifying.

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301 Board Action: **MacDonald moved to accept staff’s recommendation for the proposed penalty**  
302 **amount of \$834,250.00 with a minimal penalty of \$167,000.00. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.**

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304 **10) MLRR Update:**

305 Sarah Lewis, MLRR Program Manager, provided an update on MLRR.

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307 Permit Status Summary

308 Lewis stated the current number of active applications is 106, of which 87 are for surface mining; 49  
309 are with DOGAMI waiting review, and 38 have been returned to the applicant for revisions. There  
310 are not enough staff for the workload. The Program has been making changes to their current  
311 database to track the progress of applications within the process, in preparation for ePermitting.  
312 There has been an increase in pre-application meetings, which helps get quality applications  
313 submitted.

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315 Lewis introduced John Hook, who started on January 2, 2024. Prior to joining DOGAMI, he worked  
316 with a geotechnical consulting agency in Wilsonville, and had previously worked with MLRR on  
317 several projects. He is a Certified Engineering Geologist (CEG).

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319 Grassy Mountain

320 In November a Notice to Proceed was issued. MLRR has been focused on working with their  
321 consultant to develop the Environmental Evaluation. The draft chapters have been completed; the  
322 Program is just waiting for the actual draft report to put together for the State Agency Review. BLM  
323 is getting ready to move forward with their Environmental Evaluation stage, and there will be public  
324 meetings held in a few weeks. DOGAMI will probably hold public meetings in late spring before  
325 moving forward with the permit draft.

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327 Chair Kozlowski asked if she expected major pushback at all. Lewis said it is really hard to tell  
328 because the Agency has not been through this process before, they are kind of ready for anything.

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330 Chair Kozlowski appreciates the tone of the newsletter being helpful, supportive and not regulatory.  
331 The staff are doing a great job on that communication.

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333 Vice-Chair MacDonald is amazed at how much work MLRR staff are doing. She suggested the Pre-  
334 Applications Meetings information be in the newsletter all the time.

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336 Thomas said the volume is daunting.

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338 Teeman said staff are doing an excellent job, especially with the increase in workload.

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340 Briefing: **No Board Action Required.**

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342 **11) GS&S Update:**

343 Ruarri Day-Stirrat, Director & State Geologist, provided the GS&S program update.

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345 Day-Stirrat briefly discussed the publications., drawing attention to Special Paper 54: Geologic  
346 Assessment of Potential Cable Landing Sites Along the Oregon Coast. He believes the conversation  
347 will not stop with offshore wind, as infrastructure needs to come ashore. This report, working in  
348 collaboration with DLCDC, has allowed the Agency to identify zones along the coast that are optimal  
349 for cable landing sites. There have been recent mapping output publications, including Milton-  
350 Freewater. DOGAMI's focus of geological mapping in that part of the State is to get a geological  
351 baseline to understand aquifer flow zones, and staff are finding new and interesting things while out  
352 there.

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354 Day-Stirrat briefly discussed grants. In January, DOGAMI submitted the largest ever STATEMAP  
355 proposal. It was \$250,000 2 years ago, and is now \$1.3M, which is close to the cap available for the  
356 STATEMAP Program. Mapping will also be done in Harney Basin and Southern Oregon. The Agency  
357 has submitted a proposal to the National Cooperative Geological Mapping Program, Data  
358 Preservation Program; it is also 50-50 match like STATEMAP. Building on conversations around  
359 resilience, a proposal has been submitted for a Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC)  
360 Grant from FEMA, and fulfills Key Performance Measure (KPM) Measure 1. It does require some  
361 match and focuses on post fire debris flows that could affect drinking water supply in Portland. The  
362 Oregon Geographic Information Council (OGIC) Framework Development Program is a relatively  
363 small grant, but it is quite important as it updates the statewide building footprint database and  
364 forms the basis for other groundwork the Agency does. The Earth MRI Geological Mapping, for  
365 \$330,000, will focus on Grant County around a potential cobalt occurrence, and hope to use the  
366 baseline developed for future work.

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368 A recent proposal submitted with Lawrence Berkeley National Lab and Washington University St.  
369 Louis, to look at the co-production of critical minerals from lithium deposit. DOGAMI's request was  
370 for \$320,000 was approved by the Oregon Legislature, the outcome is still pending. The total project  
371 is \$2M, with a majority of funds going to Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. Another DOE grant is  
372 Regional Initiative for Technical Assistance Partnership, known as RITAP, for Basin-wide to  
373 understand the things that need to occur at the community level to make a carbon sequestration  
374 project in Oregon successful. The DOGAMI team involves the Washington Geological Survey, Carbon  
375 Solutions, Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL), Idaho National Lab, and others industry funders to  
376 meet cost share requirements. DOGAMI's portion is \$270,000, but the whole project is over \$6M.

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378 The Congressionally Directed Spending Request, known as a community initiated project, is one  
379 DOGAMI applied directly to the Federal Delegation to request support to perform geological mapping  
380 of 12 quadrangles in one year around Lake View and the watershed around Lake View. If approved, it  
381 will appear in Presidential Budget in 2025.

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383 DOGAMI is currently in preparation of the following grant applications: USGS Earth MRI, Mine Waste:  
384 This is to look at mine waste in tailings to assess for critical minerals at two mines in the McDermitt  
385 Caldera for \$302,400; FEMA Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) proposals: They are regular  
386 yearly proposals and range from \$317,067 to \$897,181; Interagency Agreement with DLCDC, to look at

387 Countywide Multi-Hazard Risk Assessments in Columbia County for \$52,000 to \$80,000; National  
388 Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) for \$538,837; and Northwest Association of  
389 Networked Ocean Observing System (NANOOS) for \$180,000 additional funds, which is a one-time  
390 request.

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392 One not on the list, is a regional scale collaboration to facilitate a domestic critical minerals future,  
393 called Carbon or Rare Earth and Critical Minerals (CORE-CM) initiative through DOE. The University  
394 of Alaska will likely lead the proposal, but DOGAMI is a key contributor along with other entities.  
395 There is a workforce development call out to work with universities and community colleges to  
396 identify needed skills and training opportunities for people to be successful in the mining sector. The  
397 overall project proposal will likely be about \$7.5M, and depending on how much match DOGAMI can  
398 acquire, the Agency will maximize its involvement for likely around \$1M.[Update: Current grant  
399 amount is now \$2M.]

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401 Day-Stirrat said DOGAMI has been busy, with direct funding to the Agency of about \$6.5M in the last  
402 quarter, and total projects of more than \$14M; and there is a pipeline of projects out there. He  
403 recognized the work the GS&S staff do to really write effective proposals and background work that  
404 goes into writing them.

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406 The staffing update consisted of two Limited Duration (LD) positions: Richard Walker, Economic  
407 Geologist; and Amanda Rossi, Mapping Geologist. GS&S is looking to also hire a Landslide Mapping  
408 Geologist. With the GS&S program and the significant grant load, the Agency needs to draw it down  
409 to make sure it is producing for the funders.

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411 Outreach activities have included Career Day at PSU; Natural Hazards outreach in Astoria;  
412 presentation to the Geological Society of the Oregon Country for their "Geology Hour"; and Oregon  
413 will host Cities on Volcanoes 13 in Bend in July 2026, which is an international conference that Jason  
414 McClaughry was part of the successful bidding team.

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416 Chair Kozlowski stated managing the finances is critical to the success of DOGAMI, and commended  
417 Day-Stirrat for stepping up and his ability to give the Agency and Board great confidence that moving  
418 forward is well supported.

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420 Vice-Chair MacDonald said the grant menu is impressive, and it is lovely to see interaction with a  
421 wide range of partners. The Agency is attracting top notch staff. She mentioned the Association of  
422 Science Communicators Annual Conference, Science Talk 24, April 11-12 in Portland. There is a day  
423 focused on science communication, which ties in with one of the Strategic Imperatives.

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425 Teeman thanked Day-Stirrat for the report, she appreciates the updates and being kept up on what is  
426 happening. It is wonderful.

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428 Chair Kozlowski recognized the amazing progress of DOGAMI in the financial area, outreach, and  
429 managing grant opportunities. It is impressive and exciting. She thanked all the staff for their  
430 excellent work.

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432 Briefing: **No Board Action Required.**

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434 **12) Public Comment:**

435 Only written comments received prior to or by 12:45 p.m. on the day of the meeting were to be  
436 accepted. Chair Kozlowski asked for any written public comments. No public comments.

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438 **13) Board Adjourn:**

439 Chair Kozlowski adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

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Linda Kozlowski, Chair