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The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session on June 11, 2024, in the Land Board Room at the Department of State Lands (DSL), 775 Summer Street NE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

Present were:

Tina Kotek

Governor

Tobias Read

State Treasurer – via Zoom

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Secretary of State

Tobias Read

State Treasurer

Land Board Assistants

Geoff Huntington

Governor's Office

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State Treasurer's Office

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Vicki Walker

Bill Ryan

Chris Castelli

Ted Bright

Arin Smith

Jean Straight

Ali Ryan Hansen

Linda Safina-Massey

Brett Brownscombe

Patricia Fox

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Governor Kotek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The topics discussed and the results of those discussions are listed below. To view the Land Board (Board) meeting in its entirety, please visit our YouTube page: [June 11, 2024 Land Board Meeting](#)

Consent Items

1. Minutes

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 9, 2024, Land Board meeting.

Governor Kotek seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:01 a.m. without objection.

Action Items

- 2. Request for approval of sale and release of 67.5 acres of subsurface minerals and geothermal rights in Marion County, owned by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, to DG Strategic VII, LLC (also known as Dollar General).**

Director Walker gave a brief overview of the item and the Department's recommendation that the State Land Board approve the sale and release of the 67.5 acres of subsurface minerals and geothermal rights for the property to DG Strategic VII, LLC, for the appraised price of \$10,000.

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.
Treasurer Read seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:06 a.m. without objection.

- 3. Oregon Department of Forestry's proposed 2025-2027 Common School Fund budget.**

Director Walker introduced Mike Wilson, State Forest Division Chief and Kevin Boyd, Deputy Division Chief, from Oregon Department of Forestry to present the item.

Treasurer Read asked about the increase in fire costs and how it compares to the costs on other forest lands. Mr. Wilson stated that rates differ by location (SW and Eastern Oregon is more expensive than NW Oregon).

Treasurer Read commented that he hopes future budgets are more in balance with a plan over time that brings the costs more in line with our ability to generate revenue from these lands.

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.
Treasurer Read seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:22 a.m. without objection.

- 4. Elliott State Research Forest –**
 - a) Shutter Creek Acquisition**
 - b) 1000 Road Decoupling**
 - c) 1000 Road Delineation**
 - d) Board of Directors Appointments**

Public testimony was taken for this item.

Director Walker invited Brett Brownscombe, Elliott State Forest Transition Director, to the table to assist in presenting the items. Amber McKernan, Real Property Manager, was also available to answer questions.

4a. Shutter Creek Acquisition

Director Walker gave a brief history of the property and the Department's recommendation that the State Land Board approve the acquisition of the 49.33-acre Shutter Creek property, located on Shutter Landing Lane in North Bend, for \$0. The property includes buildings totaling approximately 62,000 square feet and is anticipated to serve as the headquarters for the Elliott State Research Forest and other potential partnerships, pending the outcome of a visioning and redevelopment planning process.

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.
Treasurer Read seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:38 a.m. without objection.

4b. Decoupling the 1000 Road in the Elliott State Forest from the constitutional Common School Fund

Director Walker gave an overview of the agenda item and the Department's recommendation that the State Land Board approve decoupling the 1000 Road parcel from the constitutional Common School Fund, compensating the constitutional Common School Fund for the forest and releasing the Elliott from its obligation to generate revenue for schools.

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.
Treasurer Read seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:43 a.m. without objection.

4c. Correcting the delineation of lands that comprise the Elliott State Research Forest

Director Walker gave the recommendation that the State Land Board approve updating the delineation of specific lands to be managed as the Elliott State Research Forest to include land associated with the 1000 Road parcel that was inadvertently omitted from the delineation previously approved by the State Land Board on December 13, 2022.

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.
Treasurer Read seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:44 a.m. without objection.

4d. Appointment of the first voting members of the Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors

Director Walker gave the Departments recommendation that the Board appoint the first voting members of the ESRF Board of Directors from the Department's candidate list:

- Keith Tymchuk
- Bob Sallinger
- Mike Kennedy
- Melissa Cribbins
- Peter Hayes
- Haley Lutz

The State Land Board expressed their appreciation and thanked everyone who has volunteered their time.

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the action item.
Secretary Griffin-Valade seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:51 a.m. without objection.

Informational Item

5. Elliott State Research Forest – Forest Management Plan Update

Director Walker gave a brief description of the item and asked Brett Brownscombe, Elliott State Forest Transition Director, to present the information.

The Department of State Lands has prepared a Draft DSL Forest Management Plan (FMP) for next step engagement of the public, Tribes, other government and non-government stakeholders, and the ESRF Board of Directors.

The proposed FMP will be presented to the State Land Board for decision at the October 8, 2024, meeting.

Secretary Griffin-Valade asked what the plan is for getting community input. Mr. Brownscombe responded that there will be presentations for the public through in-person and virtual options throughout the state.

Treasurer Read asked about the concept of the forest being a “working forest” and how he sees that playing out in the draft FMP. Mr. Brownscombe stated that the framework for the draft FMP is still a working research forest, achieving multiple public values and objectives through collaborative agreements related to testing, demonstrating and researching different types of management in achieving various outcomes (timber products, carbon, biodiversity, etc.).

6. Department of State Lands 2025-27 Budget Overview

Director Walker asked to be joined at the table by Deputy Director’s Jean Straight and Bill Ryan and Communications Director, Ali Ryan Hansen.

The Department of State Lands is preparing its 2025-27 Agency Request Budget for submission to the Department of Administrative Services and consideration for inclusion in the Governor’s Budget.

The requested budget includes 10 proposed policy option packages that request additional funding for current core services; funding to continue current program projects in the next biennium; and funding for two major new programs. The Department is also requesting 4 packages to carry forward current federal funding into the next biennium.

Treasurer Read commented that the State Land Board is concerned with the

overreliance on the Common School Fund (CSF) to support programs and hopes that the Department will engage legislative leadership to find ways to find revenue to support the programs outside of the CSF.

Governor Kotek thanked the group for the presentation.

*Due to time constraints, Item 7, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Annual Report, was moved to the August meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Vicki L. Walker, Director

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