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State Land Board

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The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session on August 13, 2024, at the Sough Slough Visitor's Center, 61907 Seven Devils Rd., Charleston, OR 97420. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Secretary of State

Present were:

Tina Kotek

Governor

Tobias Read

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State Treasurer

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LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Secretary of State

Land Board Assistants

Geoff Huntington

Governor's Office

Jessica Ventura

Secretary of State's Office

Ryan Mann

State Treasurer's Office

Department Staff

Vicki Walker

Bill Ryan

Ellie Forness

Ted Bright

Arin Smith

Jean Straight

Ali Ryan Hansen

Linda Safina-Massey

Patricia Fox

Katrina Scotto

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Governor Kotek called the meeting to order at 11:00 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: [August 13, 2024, Land Board Meeting](#)

Consent Items

1. Minutes

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 11, 2024, Land Board meeting.

Secretary Griffin-Valade seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 11:01 a.m. without objection.

Action Items

2. Request to Initiate Rulemaking for Division 141-142: Designating Rocky Shores Habitat.

Director Walker gave a brief overview of the item and the Department's recommendation that the State Land Board authorize the Department to initiate permanent rulemaking under OAR 141-142 to formally incorporate the new rocky habitat designations identified in Part III of Oregon's Territorial Sea Plan

Secretary Griffin-Valade made a motion to approve the action item.
Treasurer Read seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 11:05 a.m. without objection.

3. Fortuna Cannery Pier Hotel: Filled Lands Sale on the Astoria Waterfront

Director Walker introduced and gave a summary of the item and the Department's recommendation that the State Land Board authorize the direct sale of 0.57 acres of filled land in Clatsop County to Fortuna Cannery, LLC for the negotiated price of \$315,715.00.

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

The item was approved at 11:10 a.m. without objection.

4. RAMSAR Designation of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve: a "Wetland of International Importance"

Director Walker invited Patricia Fox, Manager of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR), to the table to assist in presenting the item.

The Department recommends the State Land Board authorize the Reserve to apply to become a Ramsar site, which will earn the Reserve the recognition of being a "Wetland of International Importance."

Secretary Griffin-Valade asked what the acronym RAMSAR stands for. Director Walker stated that it is not an acronym, but the name of an Iranian city.

Treasurer Read asked why there are so few RAMSAR sites in the United States. Ms. Fox stated that she expects more states to apply as the application process is fairly easy.

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the action item.
Secretary Griffin-Valade seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 11:20 a.m. without objection.

Informational Item

5. South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Annual Report

Director Walker and Patricia Fox, Manager of the South Slough, remained at the table to give an overview of the annual report which highlights the accomplishments of the Reserve over the last year.

Treasurer Read asked Ms. Fox what the biggest surprises have been during her first six months as the Manager of SSNERR. Ms. Fox stated that her background in owning a small business has helped her in her new position because there are so many events going on and so much coordination and team work needed.

Secretary Griffin-Valade stated that she is very impressed with the report and the reserve itself and thanked Ms. Fox for her work.

Governor Kotek asked Ms. Fox to elaborate on the invasive green crab problem. Ms. Fox stated that as of now they are just in the process of trying to learn more about them and their life cycle and why they tend to be more abundant in some areas than in others.

Treasurer Read asked what the priorities are for SSNERR over the next year. Ms. Fox stated that they will be focusing on eel grass and increasing its habitat and also continuing work on the WASSON restoration area.

6. DSL Strategic Plan Annual Report

11:42 a.m.

Director Walker introduced Ali Ryan-Hansen, DSL's Communications Director, who presented information on the progress towards meeting the Strategic Plan goals. This included a review of the objectives and explanation of how they are measured.

Treasurer Read asked for clarification as to why the goal of the key performance measure "Percent of South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve operations funded from non-Common School Fund sources" has a target of 25% rather than 100%. Director Walker asked Jean Straight, Deputy Director of Administration, to join her at the table to assist in answering the Treasurer's question.

Ms. Straight stated that the goal is for it to be 100%, but the 25% target is in line with other grant programs that are matched at 25% federally.

Governor Kotek asked what the agency's most active social media account is and the response was that it is Instagram.

7. Other

Director Walker gave a quick update on the Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program and the most recent vessel to be removed being the El Conquistador in Empire.

Finally, Director Walker gave an overview of what Geologic Carbon Sequestration is and why it is important and a possible revenue source for the Common School Fund.

A more in-depth presentation on Geologic Carbon Sequestration will be presented at the October Land Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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Vicki L. Walker, Director

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