

General Discussion: February 22, 2016

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Cherryl Walker, Keith Heck, and Simon G. Hare; Terri Wharton, Recorder

Chair Cherryl Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Proposed Alternative Advisory Question

Additional Attendee: Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel,

Commissioner Hare discussed Resolution No. 2015-034; In the Matter of Opposition to the inclusion of an additional portion of the Rogue River into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (**Exhibit A**) and suggested submitting this as an Advisory Question to the May 2016 Ballot. He felt if 60%, 70% or 80% of the voters felt the inclusion was a bad idea it could have a greater impact than just the Resolution signed by the Board. The Board agreed to submit an Advisory Question and discussed the possibility of submitting information to the Voter's Pamphlet to further explain the arguments for and against the inclusion.

Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, said he would give staff the title for the Advisory Question today to place on the February 24, 2016 Weekly Business Session agenda and will provide a draft to the Board to continue the discussion at the February 23, 2016 General Discussion meeting.

2. Other (ORS 192.640(1) “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)

Commissioner Walker reported she met with Allen Bollschweiler, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, and Allen would like to join the Board's quarterly meeting with Matt Paciorek, USFS Deputy District Ranger. She said he is going to call staff to schedule the first meeting with just him and the Board and to schedule a Weekly Business Session to discuss what things are going on with the BLM.

Commissioner Walker said she received an update from Planning regarding Sunny Valley Sand and Gravel and forwarded it to the Board.

Commissioner Hare asked Commissioner Walker for a timeframe for Public Health's move, cost, square footage, etc. Commissioner Walker advised she has requested that information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A - Resolution No. 2015-034; In the Matter of Opposition to the inclusion of an additional portion of the Rogue River into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System



EXHIBIT A
General Discussion
2/22/16

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Opposition to the)
Inclusion of an additional portion) Resolution No. 2015-034
of the Rogue River into the National)
Wild and Scenic Rivers System)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the duly elected governing body of Josephine County; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2015, the Board adopted a Natural Resources Federal Coordination Plan (Board Order 2015-007, amending Board Order 2012-038), which provides that new laws and policies should be geared toward protecting and sustaining Josephine County's culture and traditions; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2015, the Board provided a copy of the most recent policy to the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and officially requested to meet with BLM officials; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has failed to coordinate with Josephine County in developing its draft Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board is opposed to the BLM's draft Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the segment of the Rogue River extending from the mouth of the Applegate River downstream to the Lobster Creek Bridge is already included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system through Public Law 90-542 (1968); and

WHEREAS, as part of its Resource Management Plan the BLM Medford District has produced a suitability study recommending that Congress designate 63 additional miles of the Rogue River beginning at Lost Creek Dam as Wild and Scenic; and

WHEREAS, 17,005 (85.9%) acres of the Rogue River corridor are privately owned; and

WHEREAS, inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System could affect, by scenic easements, private lands, their uses, conditions of residential and other development, vegetative management, and other property rights; and

WHEREAS, the Board is opposed to any further erosion of public and private property rights and potential recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, the Rogue River is already managed with current state and local restrictions, and the BLM owns just 3.8% of the property running along the banks; and

WHEREAS, further restrictions will have a harmful effect on the culture and traditions of Josephine County, and will diminish the ability of county residents to enjoy the river and benefit from it economically; now, therefore

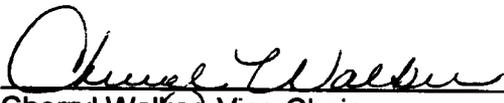
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners is opposed to including any additional portion of the Rogue River into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2015.

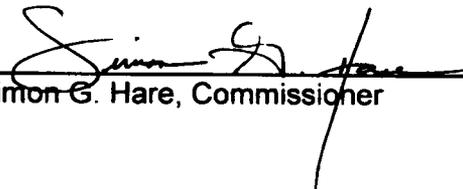
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



K. O. Heck, Chair



Cherryl Walker, Vice-Chair



Simon G. Hare, Commissioner