

# Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Board

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**August 15, 2019**

8:00am – 2:30pm

United States Forest Service  
29279 Ellensburg Avenue  
Gold Beach, OR 97444

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Members Present:

Robert Jones, Michael Oliver (phone), Senator Michael Dembrow (phone), Evan Sorce, Mary Chamness, Katy Nelson, Jeffry Gottfried

### Members Excused:

### Technical Advisors

### and Staff Present:

Doug Denning, Jeremy Ahola, Sydney King, Stephanie Solomon, Karen Humelbaugh

## Call to Order

- 1.0** Order was called at 8:12am by Robert Jones, Co-Chair

## Standing Business

### 2.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

- 2.1 Introductions were made.
- 2.2 No public comment.
- 2.3 Reviewed the day's agenda.
- 2.4 Katy moved to have minutes approved and Mary seconded. Motion passed.

### 3.0 Crew Presentation

- 3.1 South Coast Business Employment Corporation Corpsmembers presented a PowerPoint of the work they've done in OYC's program over the summer. They have had many different project focuses over the summer, including;
- Blackberry removal;
  - Digging fire trench lines;
  - Re-seeding native grasses.

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## **4.0 Partner Visit/Presentation**

4.1 Kim Hunter from United States Forest Service made a PowerPoint presentation explaining the different ways they receive funding and the various projects that she has seen the crew work on over the past 10 years. She reviewed how OYC affects crews with projects as well as a program manager perspective.

- Evan Sorce asked how many crews they could support. They responded that given enough time to plan the work, the more crew support, the better.

## **5.0 Oregon Volunteers Presentation**

5.1 Carie Bauer made a PowerPoint presentation on a program she runs within Office of Workforce Investments called Oregon Volunteers. Oregon Volunteers oversees AmeriCorps. She reviewed the types of programs that they are involved with;

- Tutoring;
- Environmental education to adults and children;
- Repairing natural habitats;
- Youth employment coaching;
- Nutrition services;
- Disaster response preparedness.

## **Reports**

### **6.0 Standing Reports**

6.1 The legislative report was given by Karen Humelbaugh, she went over;

- HB2030 – passed and signed by the Governor;
- HB2871 – passed, signed by the Governor, effective Jan 2020;
- SB772 – this bill did not make it through legislative session;
- HB2020 – this bill did not make it through the legislative session;
- SB5024 – HECC budget bill, passed.

6.2 Karen Humelbaugh presented the agency update, staff are meeting with HECC Fiscal every month, and cross-training staff.

6.3 Doug Denning presented the budget report.

- OYC is meeting monthly with HECC Fiscal/Budget. The budget projections were pretty close to accurate, within \$40,000. This still doesn't look good for future budget predictions, as the next biennium

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we will no longer have enough funding if nothing is done. There is a surplus of unused tuition grants so these can be used to assist OYC's budget one time only.

- Other assistance for the budget comes from Ford Family Foundation, they are donating funds to OYC.
- DHS granted funds to an OYC summer jobs program.
- There is still a focus to bring grants to tribes, scouting is being done by staff while on site visits.

6.4 Jeremy Ahola gave an overview of the operations report.

- Recently Governor Brown did a site visit with the youth. He coordinated the event with her office. This is great support for OYC.
- In June there was a crew leader training in Bend. It was a 3 day training, and went well.
- Staff has almost met their goal of visiting all 35 programs in the state, we will have visited 34 of 35. There was a miscommunication with one program that kept them from seeing all 35.
- School year grants are coming in, there will be a report on that at the next meeting.

6.5 Doug Denning went over the Strategic Tracker Report with the board.

- A crew leader from Eugene area applied to be on the OYC Board. OYC is currently waiting for the final decision.
- Senator Dembrow's term is up in November, the next legislative board member should be a strategic choice. Staff is working with HECC's Director of Legislative Affairs to recruit for this position.

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff will send board members an internal write-up of the site visit with Governor Brown.

**ACTION ITEM:** Board will write a "Thank you" to the Ford Family Foundation for donating funds to OYC.

## **Funding Solutions**

### **7.0 Funding Solutions**

7.0 Doug Denning went over some funding solution ideas;

- There is a correlation regarding funding areas available to OYC
- Gave a recap of meeting with HECC Executive Director, Ben Cannon and Interim Deputy, Ramona Rodamaker.
- Discussion surrounded;
  - HECC funding priorities;
  - General outreach;

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- Legislative concepts;
- Federal – BLM, WIOA, AmeriCorps, Dept. of Agriculture.

## **8.0 Working Lunch**

### 8.1 Funding Solutions Discussion continued;

- The board discussed an inter-agency agreement.
- Staff to meet with Dept. of Education for CTE and Student Success funding.
- The board discussed the need for marketing and a professional video crew.
- Board is encouraged to meet with legislators outside of normal interactions to promote OYC and find a new potential board member.
- Suggested to use full name, “Oregon Youth Corps”, instead of “OYC”
- Foundations that OYC is looking at to communicate with and for funding options;
  - Ford Family Foundation;
  - Oregon Community Foundations;
  - Meyer Memorial Foundation;
  - Collins Foundation.

## **New Business**

### **9.0 New Meeting Dates, Locations, Topics**

#### 9.1 The board discussed potential locations for the next meeting locations

- Mary moved to hold the February meeting in Tigard, Robert seconded, motion passed. They will weigh the cost/benefit of traveling for these meetings at the November meeting;
- The board will send their suggestions to staff;
- The months will stay the same;
- Perhaps move to some meetings being done long distance.

### **10.0 Adjourned at 2:04pm**