**VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE**

**LANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

**February 17, 2015 Minutes**

Members: Lisa Arkin, George Grier, Julie Knurowski, William Lackey, Glenn Miller, Joel Miller, Ellen Mooney, James Mough, Bitty Roy

Absent:

Guest: James Lakehomer

Staff: Orin Schumacher, Steve Smith

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6:00 p.m. – Schumacher called the meeting to order.

## I. OPENING REMARKS

## Schumacher informed the members that the Task Force Chairperson will open and direct the course of the meetings after the election

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENT

##  No members of the public were in attendance.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: L. Arkin moved to approve the January 20, 2015 minutes as written.

Seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

 There were no adjustments to the agenda

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS / PRESENTATIONS**

1. Review and discussed Last Resort Policy, Ordinance 12-03, Lane Code 15.500
	1. Power Point presentation by Schumacher with roundtable discussion
		1. Current policy and Permitted Products (adopted not implemented)
		2. Budget reduction impacts
			1. Guardrail maintenance due to staff reductions
			2. Deteriorating road conditions and safety concerns
			3. Impacts on other jurisdictions, property owners, etc.
		3. Suggestions
			1. Advances in technical solutions since policy adoption
				1. Develop vegetation tracking and rating system
				2. Create GIS layer
				3. Improve public understanding and trust levels
				4. Use portion of Vehicle Registration Fee, if passed, for vegetation management
			2. Member presentations of their fields of expertise to provide additional knowledge for Task Force process
2. Review and discuss Management Prescription Plan
	1. Postponed to a future meeting
3. Task Force Chairperson election

Motion: J. Miller nominated Ellen Mooney as Chairperson.

B. Roy seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**VI. NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

1. Review and discuss Management Prescription Plan
2. GIS layers and mapping presentation
3. Task Force process for BCC recommendations
4. Top Ten Issues

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting.

L. Arkin seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Steve Smith, Minutes Recorder