

03-6-18-3

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER 03-6-18-3

) IN THE MATTER OF RETAINING MASON, BRUCE
) & GIRARD TO CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE
) COUNCIL OF FOREST TRUST LAND COUNTIES
) IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE
) FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS AND THE
) POTENTIAL HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, in June, 2001, it was brought to the attention of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Council of Forest Trust and Land Counties (CFTLC) Board that there were some significant inconsistencies in the Draft Implementation Plan accurately reflecting the decisions and direction found in the State Forestry Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, these changes of circumstances requires the CFTLC, under our trust relationship related to these lands, to help find ways to have the Implementation Plan reflect our understanding of the State Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Mason, Bruce & Girard is intimately familiar with the State Forest Management Plan, having worked on its development while representing the Oregon Forest Industries Council; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work is narrowly defined and will be monitored by an ad hoc committee of CFTLC principals; and

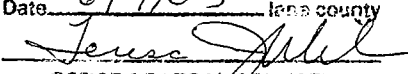
WHEREAS, the firm of Mason, Bruce & Girard has been commissioned to focus on evaluation of planning data, implementation constraints, and if needed, help with CFTLC's substantive comments on the Implementation Plan, and will maintain the close, collaborative relationship counties have historically had with the Department of Forestry; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the investment will be more than returned in real revenues over the short or medium term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts Mason, Bruce & Girard to Continue to Represent the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties in the Implementation of the State Forest Management Plans and the Potential Habitat Conservation Plan, and will pay a voluntary assessment of \$4,082 which represents Lane County's portion.

Dated this _____ day of June, 2003.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 6/9/03 lane county

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

2. Adopt the Order as presented and direct staff to transfer _____ from _____ Commissioner Budget.

3. Not adopt the order as presented.

C. Recommendations

Approval of the Order.

D. Timing

Upon Board approval, notification will be sent to AOC Council of Forest Trust Lands.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Sign Board Order.

Supplemental 3 if Commissioners' Contingency is used as a resource.

V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Board Order
2. Letter from Mike Propes, CFTLC Chair
3. Invoice 5-6-03

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: May 30, 2003

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TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Board of County Commissioners

PRESENTED BY: Commissioner Anna Morrison

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION/ORDER/In the Matter of 03-6-18 Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Council of Forest Trust and Land Counties (CFTLC) Voluntary Assessment for State Forest Management Plans

I. MOTION

TO APPROVE THE CFTLC VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT OF \$4,082 WHICH REPRESENTS LANE COUNTY'S PORTION TO CONTINUE TO RETAIN MASON, BRUCE & GIRARD.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Whether or not to participate with the other 14 Oregon CFTLC counties in retaining Mason, Bruce & Girard, to continue to represent CFTLC in the implementation of the State Forest Management Plans (SFMP) and the potential Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

In Early June, 2001, it was brought to the attention of the CFTLC Board that there were some significant inconsistencies in the Draft Implementation Plan accurately reflecting the decisions and direction found in the State Forestry Management Plan. The "implementation reductions" made in the Forest Plan (25% of volume in Period 1, 10% in Period 2, 5% in Period 3) are quite different from reductions made in the Implementation Plan (50% of acres in first 30 years). It also appears that the Implementation Plans are proposing a different approach to dealing with the Swiss Needle Cast problem.

The Department of Forestry cites problems with stale inventory used to project outputs under the State Forest Management Plan, operability constraints that drive up costs, and other "gaps" and unforeseen challenges. CFTLC was instrumental in the successful adoption of the State Forest Management Plan and want it to succeed. This dramatic changes of circumstances requires the CFTLC, under our trust relationship related to these lands, to help find ways to have the Implementation Plan reflect our understanding of the State Forest Management Plan.

B. Analysis

Mason, Bruce & Girard is intimately familiar with the State Forest Management Plan, having worked on its development while representing the Oregon Forest Industries Council. They are in a unique position and are virtually up-to-speed to be retained as our expert on this project, thus saving billable hours. They are a highly regarded firm and will give our contributions clout.

Scope of work is narrowly defined and will be monitored by an ad hoc committee of CFTLC principals (Commissioners Tim Josi, George Kiepke and John Lindsey). Mark Rasmussen of Mason, Bruce & Girard will focus on evaluation of planning data (inventory data, growth projections), implementation constraints (to reduce cost of sales and free more harvesting), and if needed, help with CFTLC's substantive comments on the Implementation Plan.

Mark's relationship with Oregon Department of Forestry will not be adversarial. On the contrary, the contract will specifically provide that Mark is to maintain the close, collaborative relationship counties have historically had with the Department of Forestry.

The voluntary assessment is based on the CFTLC dues formula which relates to the proportion of trust and acreage within our county. It is set at \$74,000 for FY 02-03. It is anticipated that the investment will be more than returned in real revenues over the short or medium term. Lane County's portion is \$4,082.

Because this assessment was not included in the Adopted FY02-03 Budget for Membership and Dues funding will need to come from another source. Sources available include:

Commissioners' Contingency \$22,300
Individual Commissioner Budgets

B. Alternatives/Options

1. Adopt the order as presented and direct staff to transfer \$4,082 from the Commissioners' Contingency.