(1) **Call to Order:**
Chair Donald Haagensen called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

(2) **Introductions:**
Board Chair Donald Haagensen, Vice Chair Steve Macnab, Board Members Barbara Seymour, Vera Simonton, and Charles Vars were present, as were DOGAMI staff members Director Vicki McConnell, Assistant Director Don Lewis, Assistant Director Gary Lynch, and Administrative Assistant Carol DuVernois. Assistant Attorney General Larry Knudsen joined during the break.

DOGAMI Staff in attendance:
James Roddey
Charles Kirby
Ian Madin

There were no members of the public present.

(3) **Approval of Governing Board Minutes for August 29, 2007: (Board)**

Motion: Vars moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Seymour. Motion carried.

(4) **Board Business:**

a. **Process for appointment of new Board member.**
The Board took a moment to recognize Vera Simonton’s eight years of service to the Board. Simonton was presented with a plaque and a thank-you gift.

There are currently four people who have expressed interest and have or will fill out Governor’s Interest Forms. They are Umatilla County Commissioner Larry Givens, Morrow County Commissioner Judge Terry Tallman, Dr. Ellen Morris Bishop, and Patricia Gainsforth. McConnell briefly outlined each candidate’s qualifications and said that she and Chair Haagensen would begin the telephone interview process sometime in the next three weeks. These would be followed by in-person interviews if possible, then the nomination letter to the Governor’s office before the February session.

b. **Director Performance Evaluation process: Action Item**
Chair Haagensen briefly described the handouts included in the packet. The Board discussed whether the questionnaires were inclusive enough and whether the qualities listed on the forms could actually be evaluated or not. They agreed...
that the forms were a general list of qualities that could be modified to suit the
position of the director of this agency. They also discussed the external
stakeholder form and the biases they would need to be aware of in choosing who
to canvas. Macnab noted that check boxes are not effective. He believes that
two or three focused questions would be better than 15 multiple choice
questions. Simonton pointed out that people are more likely to complete the form
if they don’t have to write anything. She believes that the multiple choice form
will generate a greater response. The Board agreed to submit comments on the
forms and process to Chair Haagensen. He will then re-do the form and run it by
the Board before the next meeting. They agreed the Board should evaluate the
Director annually, and that the external stakeholder and internal staff forms
should be used less frequently. McConnell suggested using the director’s
anniversary date as timing for the review. There was discussion as to how to
present the results of the review to the director. Suggestions were to either have
the Chair present the results after discussions with the entire Board, or to have
the full Board present the results in Executive Session.

MOTION: Vars moved to follow Chair Haagensen’s suggested process of
compiling comments and re-writing the forms, and then in early 2008, to re-
evaluate the evaluation. Macnab seconded. Motion carried.

c. Nomination Letter to Jim Azumano – Rural Policy Director:

Azumano invited the Board to submit names for consideration to serve on his
committee. McConnell briefed the Board on the nomination letter for Ms. Lindsay
Kandra. Azumano expressed his gratitude and informed McConnell that there is
a formal nomination process and that he would get the forms to her. She will
follow-up with Azumano, and will also attend the next committee meeting to see if
we should consider trying to get an appointee from the agency on the committee.

(5) Report of the State Geologist: (Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist)

a. Update on the State of the Agency: Update Item

McConnell noted some staff changes and new recruitment for a reclamationist.
She explained that the state is no longer an active partner in the FERC process
for siting LNG facilities. We can comment, but the feds don’t have to act on our
comments anymore. Furthermore, we are no longer receiving compensation for
any work on FERC projects, which has created a burden on staff. The
Governor’s office is aware of the issue, but there is not much they can do.

McConnell gave some highlights from the GSA conference the week before the
meeting and noted that the agency is ahead of the curve on Geoscience data
delivery.

b. First Biennium Ending Balance for MLRR Subaccount:

McConnell and Lynch discussed the MLRR Subaccount ending balance of
$178,240 which will be put in a rainy day fund. Lynch noted that the non-mining
fees will increase to help reverse the negative numbers there and that
retirements in the next biennium will give more leeway.

c. Agency Strategic Plan Workgroup Retreat: Update Item
The State Geologist summarized the October 19th retreat and discussed the next
steps in the strategic plan revision, noting that we need ideas on how to reach as
many stakeholders as possible. The writing committee will create a document of
6 pages or less by the first week of January. The full workgroup will then
comment on the draft, and then it will be presented to the Board for input.

(6) Break

(7) Key Performance Measure Report: (Don Lewis, Assistant Director)
Lewis presented the results of the annual performance measures report. He
showed the Board several maps the agency has recently completed that
reflect performance measures.

   He briefed the Board on the Statewide Landslide Information Database of
   Oregon (SLIDO) which is based on existing maps. He explained the LiDAR
tie-in and noted that cities and counties are excited by the landslide maps and
are finding them very useful for planning.

   He discussed the Oregon Geologic Digital Compilation and explained the
differences between the maps and the database and the different uses for
each of them.

   Lewis talked about the coastal programs, including tsunami inundation
mapping and brochures, and coastal erosion monitoring. He said the tsunami
inundation mapping for the entire coast should be done by 2011-12.

   Lewis showed the Board how we gauge public interest by tracking top sales
at the Nature of the Northwest Information Center. He said that the sales
confirm public interest in hazards. He disclosed that there is a need to
determine what to sell and what to give away, since the agency is not
recovering labor costs for any of its publications.

(8) Regulatory Issues: (Gary Lynch, Mineral Lands Regulation and
   Reclamation Program)

a. Status and schedule for necessary rulemaking – Update
   Item
Lynch will give Knudsen the outline of the MLRR rule write for SB 149, HB 2119
and HB 2120 by the end of the week. He should receive it back within 30 days,
and at that point present them to the Technical Advisory Committee. The Board
will then review the draft. Chair Haagensen asked Knudsen and Lynch to check the rules and statutes for consistency and report back to the Board.

b. Summary of operational and enforcement activities for surface mining and oil and gas regulatory programs.

Update Item

Clean up at the Dumas site is nearly complete. They are finishing re-vegetation and will run a culvert. A tort claim and request for an investigation of why wells have been impacted near Rogue Aggregate’s South Parker Pit was received in early October. Lynch said they are working with the Department of Water Resources to carefully analyze the data, and can order a suspension if they find there is a problem caused by the mining.

c. Columbia County Surface Mining Program and DOGAMI –

Update Item

Knudsen has completed a review of MLRR statute and rule and the Columbia County Surface Mining Ordinance and the memo will be sent to the County Commissioners this week. The Commissioners will set up another meeting to discuss the memo in late November. The Board discussed a possible legislative fix to ensure that no one will be sued after Knudsen noted that there may be unintended legal consequences.

d. Sundance Rock, Inc. Final Suspension Order update -

Update Item

Sundance has completed the removal of all the slide material, but the field is not yet in tillable condition as required in the order. Heavy rains have prevented work with heavy equipment, so we will grant them an extension until spring.

(9) Project Updates: (Ian Madin, Chief Scientist)

a. LiDAR Consortium progress:

Madin presented a primer on LiDAR for the Board and an update of the progress made on funding support and contracting progress. He detailed the many uses for LiDAR, including the ability to count individual trees by size and type, which would be useful for forestry. He explained the difference LiDAR technology can make in land use planning, mapping landslide hazards, natural resource mapping. He discussed requests we are receiving regarding the public domain of the data. Macnab wondered if Google would be interested in the data. Roddey agreed to give a LiDAR presentation to the Oceanside Community Club as requested by Board member Barbara Seymour.

b. State Debris Flow Warning System: Information Item

The agency recently hosted a meeting with USGS, NOAA Weather Service, ODF, and OR Emergency Response System to discuss options for our system. Oregon’s debris flow warning system seems to be woefully inadequate. There have been perhaps a dozen warnings issued in as many years, and as far as
anyone knows, no one has ever acted on any of the warnings. The criteria for issuing a warning are not clear, nor are instructions for the general public when a warning is issued. Forestry no longer wants to issue the warnings, and it was suggested that the Weather Service include debris flow warning language in its flood warnings when appropriate. Though is not the best solution to the problem, it is better than nothing.

(10) **Setting of time and place of next Board meeting: Action Item**

The next Board meeting will be held in Portland on Friday February 29, 2008.

(11) **Additional Public Comment:**

There was no additional public comment.

(12) **Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

**Action List: (in no order of priority)**

1. McConnell will attend the Governor’s Office of Rural Policy Committee meeting when they next meet.

2. After the MLRR draft rules have been to the Technical Advisory Committee, Haagensen will circulate them to the Board for comment.

3. McConnell will send a memo to the Columbia County Commissioners with the DOJ memo about the Surface Mining Ordinance attached.

4. Knudsen and Lynch will check the rules and statutes for consistency and report back to the Board.

**APPROVED:**

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Don Haagensen, Chair   Steve Macnab, Vice Chair  
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Barbara Seymour    Larry Givens  
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Charles Vars