

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS AT CITY CLUB

Springfield City Club enters its new year with new leadership. Here are some brief biographies of new officers and directors.



Tiffany Edwards has been elected President. She brings 25-years of experience in marketing, communications, public relations, and government affairs to her current role as Intergovernmental Relations Manager for Lane Transit District (LTD). Prior to joining LTD in 2020, Tiffany held the position of Director of Business Advocacy with the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and

remains active with both the Eugene and Springfield Chambers where she regularly participates in their respective Government Affairs Committees. Tiffany is a current member and past Chair of the City of Eugene's Planning Commission. Tiffany is also a founding Board member of Better Housing Together, former Board member of Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST) and serves on a number of other advisory committees and work groups related to land use, housing and transportation for the Eugene-Springfield metro area. Tiffany has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications/Advertising from Washington State University. Originally from Bend, Tiffany moved to Eugene in 2012 after meeting her husband Chris when she was working as Chief of Staff in the Oregon Senate. Aside from her volunteer service, she is passionate about her family and friends and enjoys travel, yoga and spending time outside whenever possible.



Pat Riggs Henson as been elected President-elect. She helps coordinate public and intergovernmental relations for the Northwest Youth Corps. She was a career advisor for the Lane Workforce Partnership before retiring in 2008 and has spent 25 years as chief officer Lane County Labor Chapter, Oregon AFL-CIO. Served 30 years leadership positions in the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Current statewide President of the

AFSCME Retirees. She served as an elected member of the Springfield Utility Board for 8 years and Lane Community College for a total of 15 years. Gubernatorial appointment on the Oregon State Public Employees Retirement Board for 10 years. She is married to Rick Henson and the mother of four children, 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



Whitney Hoshaw has joined the Board as a Director. She leads the marketing and communication team at Willamalane Park and Recreation District. She has a passion for mission-based organizations and impacting positive change in communities. She has chosen career paths that help bring these passions to life while building on her education at the University of Oregon in journalism, non-profit administration, and

geography. Whitney spent much of her childhood moving across continents and has happily landed in the Eugene-Springfield area as the place she likes to call home.



Loralyn Spiro has worked in the communications and marketing field for more than 25 years. She is the lead communications coordinator for the City of Springfield's Development and Public Works Department and the Eugene-Springfield's Metropolitan Wastewater Management

Commission. Loralyn graduated from the University of Oregon with Bachelor of Science in Business Administration majoring in marketing and sports marketing. She is from Oakridge, Oregon and has lived in Springfield since 2001. Loralyn is a past member and President of the Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club of Eugene-Springfield, the Willamalane Park Foundation Board, and the Oregon chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. On her days off, she enjoys

gardening, fishing, or camping with her husband Scott. **Minutes**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Springfield City Club will take a brief break for the month of August. We will resume normal programming in September on September 1 and 15, and will begin a weekly series of election candidate forums in late September or Early October

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change. For current information, click on the agency name which will redirect you to the appropriate web site.

Many boards continue to meet online as the County emerges from the restrictions on activity. Please see the guide on page 3 for information on how to connect.

[City of Springfield Council](#)

225 Fifth Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541)726-3700

The Springfield city Council is on recess until September 6, 2022

[Lane County Board of Commissioners](#)

125 Eighth Avenue
Eugene OR 97401
(541)682-4203

August 2, 2022 9:00 a.m

Committee to draft Statement for Parks Levy Ballot
Update of affordable Housing Plan

August 9, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Parks Ballot Measure
Unhoused Status Report

August 16, 2022 No MEETING

August 23, 2022 9:00 a.m.

LEC Discussion and Financing Options
ARP Grant awards

August 30, 2022 9:00 a.m.

County Administrator Performance Review

[Lane Transit District](#)

3500 E. 17th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97403
(541)687-5555

August 3, 2022 5:00 p.m. Work Session

August 17, 2022 4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

School District 19 Board of Directors

640 A Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541) 726-3201

August 8, 2022 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

August 22, 2022 5:00 p.m. Work Session

Springfield Utility Board

250 A Street
Springfield OR 97477
(541)746-8451

August 10, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

320 S. 32nd Street
Springfield, OR 97478
(541)736-4544

NO MEETING

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

1010 Main Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541)735-1056

August 11, 2022 12:15 p.m.

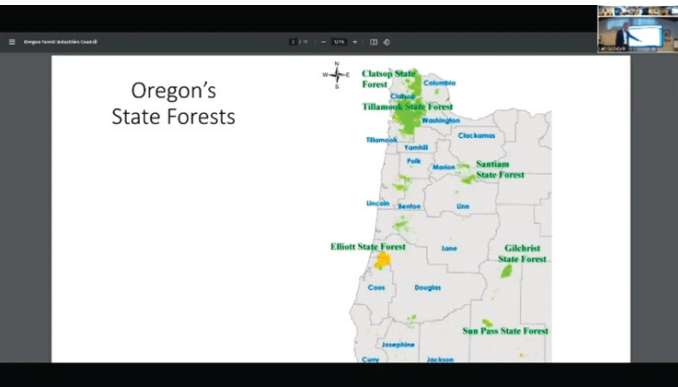
RECENT MEETINGS

JULY 7: FOREST MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Private timber owners and a number of environmental groups have reached an historic accord on forest management practices, which may end the long period of disagreement over the proper way to manage private forestland, according to Chris Edwards, President of the Oregon Forest Industries Council. Mr. Edwards discussed this accord and updated City Club members on other forest topics at the July 7 program.

He first addressed the recent decision by the Court of Appeals reversing an award of \$1.1 billion in damages to several counties to compensate for what a jury found to be a breach of the State’s obligation to manage forest lands formerly owned by the counties for the “greatest permanent value.”

The case arose out of legislation passed in 1941 which provided for acquisition of county forest lands in return for an agreement to manage those lands for the “greatest permanent value.” Mr. Edwards said that at that time it seems that what was meant by that phrase was the greatest amount of revenue. In 1998, however, forest management practices changed dramatically, mainly in response to environmental issues, with the result that the amount of revenue provided to the counties fell drastically. In 2016 Linn County, and 13 other counties including Lane, sued on the theory that the State had breached its contract. A jury awarded the counties the \$1.1 billion in damages.

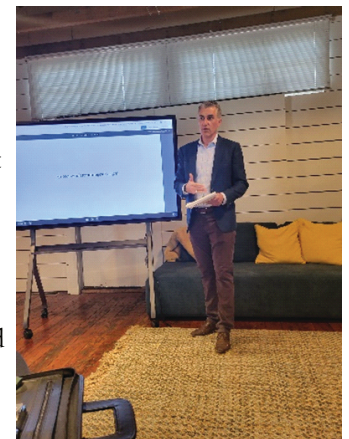


On appeal, the Court of Appeals reversed that decision, ruling that the commitment to greatest permanent value was not a term of the statutory contract. The counties have now petitioned the State Supreme Court asking for review of the decision. In the question and answer period one caller asked if the Court had considered whether greatest permanent value meant only revenue or might include other values such as habitat and environmental benefits. Mr. Edwards said he did not know if that argument had been made in the proceeding.

Turning to the Private Forest Accord, Mr. Edwards said that several non-governmental organizations and timberland owners recently agreed on a memorandum of understanding on how to pursue updates to forest laws that affect private forest lands. In June of 2020, the Legislative Assembly passed SB1602 which memorialized that accord and created a mediated process for exploring changes to forest management which could form a basis for a habitat conservation plan. The importance of such a plan, if approved, is that it would protect individual forest owners from an “incidental take” of a threatened or endangered species in violation of the federal Endangered Species Act. After many months of negotiations, that agreement was reached on October 30, 2021 and formed the basis for the enactment of SB1501, SB 1502, and HB4055, which put the agreed upon changes into statute. Now, rulemaking is underway and on schedule for enactment in October of this year. This will sharply reduce the number of times that forest issues on private land are litigated in the future.

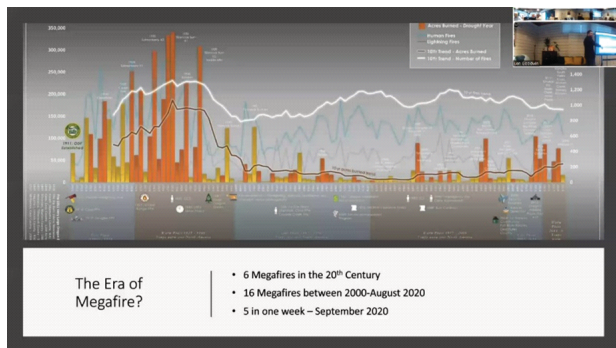
Among the new approaches contemplated in the Private Forest Accord are increase stream buffers, improvements to forest roads, innovative modeling for dealing with unstable slopes as well as a shift in forest management to adaptive management which recognizes and funds habitat mitigation, as well as providing a path for small forestland owners to comply with the requirements. The idea, he said, is to always be responsive to science.

Mr. Edwards closed by discussing the new campaign that the Forest Industry Council has started to reacquaint Oregonians with the forest. The campaign, with a tag line of For the Trees, can be found at [Home - Oregon Forests Forever](#). He said the effort recognizes that many current residents have lost the connection Oregon has to the timber industry. They hope is that it will generate more interest in forest related careers.



JULY 21: FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT

Fire has been an ever-present fact in Oregon forests, according to Kyle Williams, a forester and wildlands firefighter with the Oregon Forest Industries Council. The issue is not how can we end it, but rather how can we manage forest lands so that it does not devastate the population of Oregon and can continue to provide a vital



economic resource. While it seems that we have had many more devastating fires recently, Mr. Williams said that historically,

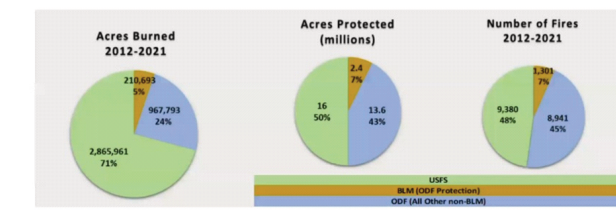
that is not the case. In the early 20th century Oregon experienced “Mega-fires” -- those that consume more than 100,000 acres, about every other year. That ended in the 1940s when mechanical harvesting accelerated. A major concern is that about 30 years ago harvesting was cut back dramatically. Since then, it seems these mega-fires have returned, with 16 in the past two decades.

Since the 1990’s there have been two diametrically opposed views advance on forest management. One the one hand, some say the solution is to harden our communities against fire and let the forests burn. The other view is that we should log aggressively and remove much of the forests to prevent fires. Neither view makes sense, Mr. Williams said.

With respect to “letting nature take its course,” Mr. Williams pointed to three fatal flaws: 1) in the ancient past, there were few people in Oregon; now 4.1 million are affected by fire and smoke; 2) whether or not one believes in man-caused climate change, Oregon is getting warmer, meaning fuels are drier and more susceptible to large scale burning; and 3) after over 30 years of not managing the forests, they are much more likely to experience large fires that in ancient times when fire was frequent enough to prevent such a huge buildup of fuels.

The other extreme – logging everything, is simply unacceptable for a whole host of reasons, especially what it does to the natural environment which makes Oregon so attractive to residents.

Mr. Williams argues that there is a middle ground a combination of active management (which includes thinning but not clear cutting and maintaining road access to the forest both for industry and for firefighting), coupled with protecting sensitive species and hardening communities to reduce damage when fires occur.



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In response to a question, Mr. Williams said that even active management has many variations. He agreed that management of a natural forest should be different than management of planned for harvest tree plantations, although he said that the concerns often expressed about monoculture environments – where only one true type of tree is replanted in a logged area are not accurate. He also urged caution in developing habitat conservation plans. It is difficult to achieve the right balance between protecting the forest asset, the people of Oregon and the various species whose lives are tied to some specific habitat features.

ATTENDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

To view Springfield City Council meetings: On the Thursday before the meeting, the Council agenda is posted [here](#). The agenda will contain the information to link to the live stream of the meeting.

To view meetings of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, go to this [link](#) for connection information

To view Lane Transit District Board meetings, go to the [Events Calendar](#) and click on the meeting you want to attend for information on the Zoom link

To view School District 19 Board meetings: on the Thursday or Friday before the meeting go to the [Board Meeting Calendar](#), locate the meeting agenda and you will find the Zoom link to join the meeting.

To listen to Willamalane Board meetings:
On a telephone or cell phone, dial 541-736-4490
When prompted, enter the conference ID: 85238 followed by the # sign

To listen to SUB Board meetings:
Dial in using your phone: Dial 1.978.990.5373
Enter the Access Code: 2355961#

To view LRAPA meetings:
Below are instructions for participation: Click on this link from your desktop: <https://zoom.us/j/2234449160>

Board of Directors
Springfield City Club
June 22, 2021 – 101 S. A Street and Zoom

Present:

Paige Sharpe Kristin Denmark Bob Fondren Len Goodwin
Tom Boyatt Tiffany Edwards Nick Nelson Pat Riggs Henson

Absent: Terry Beyer, Merlyn Hough

Guests: Whitney Hoshaw

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

On a motion by Pat, seconded by Len, the minutes of the May meeting were approved unanimously.

Bob presented the Financial Report. He reported that we are entering that portion of the year where we will draw down cash resources until the next round of dues payments in the fall and winter. He said that bean Counter did not charge for bookkeeping services in May, so they will double up the billing in June. He reported that the dues payment from the Lane-Coos Building Trades Council has still not been recorded. He will check the mailbox again in the next few days. At Pat's request, he will change the name of the Lane labor Council to the Lane Labor Chapter, because they are now affiliated with the AFL-CIO. At Kristin's request he will follow up with Bert Yancey and the School District and check with Bean counter about their dues payment. Tom agreed to let Niel Laudati know about CASA not renewing since he is on their board. Len reported that Steve Dietrich of LRAPA has told him they are reviewing all their memberships and have decided not to renew City Club for this year but may consider again in the future.

On a motion by Len, seconded by Pat, the financial Report for May was approved.

The Board discussed nominations for the coming year. Terry Beyer has decided not to continue on the Board, although she will remain a member. Tiffany has agreed to become President and Pat has agreed to serve as President-Elect. Len has agreed to continue as Secretary. Those nominations were approved unanimously by the Board. Kristin n nominated Whitney Hoshaw to be a Director and Tom nominated Loralyn Spiro to become a director. Whitney briefly introduced herself and Tom briefly described Loralyn's background and qualifications. Both nominations were approved unanimously.

Tiffany said here goals for the next year would be recruitment of businesses and a broader effort on marketing the Club to the community. Pat agreed and emphasized we need to get more people to join.

The board discussed the nominations and agreed that Whitney would be nominated to fill the slot vacated by Merlyn and Loralyn would fill the spot being vacated by Tom.

On motion by Paige, seconded by Bob, the entire slate was recommended for approval by the membership. Len will get ballots out in the next few days.

The Board discussed upcoming programs. On July 7, Chris Edwards will present on the Linn County lawsuit challenging use of revenues from state forest and on the Private Forest Accord which was recently agreed on and supported by the Legislature.

On July 21 Kyle Williams will talk about efforts to deal with wildfires.

The series on infrastructure, (which originated as a discussion of the three projects affecting Glenwood and the area of Eugene at the east end to the EWEB site) will be deferred until later in the year.

The Board also discussed a potential program on the Climate Friendly Equitable Communities rulemaking now under consideration by LCDC. Since Springfield has indicated it may litigate the rules, it is clearly inappropriate to ask them to present publicly on the issues. Given that there is likely to be litigation, it may become a much more compelling program, although it may involve discussions that will roll into the next year's legislative session. Tom will ask Loralyn to keep the Board informed on what is happening, and Len may reach out to the League of Oregon Cities after the rules become final to see if they would be able to discuss the rules.

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A date of the Springfield Council to be the focus of a meeting has not been set. It may be that the Mayor will be more receptive to such a program after the general election.

Tiffany will chat with Kaarin about coordinating election programming with Cit Club of Eugene.

Len reported that he has been in contact with the League of Women Voters about a program for CD4 candidates, but as yet they have not set a date. Len will prepare a tentative list of election programs, including the renewal of the Springfield Police levy.

Kristin has not yet talked to Michael Wargo about team Springfield presenting as well as being a sponsor of City Club.

The newsletter this month will include an article about Oregon 22. Tiffany will double check with Andy Vobora to get something available.

The Board thank Tom for his service on the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,
Secretary

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