

**GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES**

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Virtual Public Meeting

**1) Call to Order:** (Scott Ashford, Board Chair)

Chair Ashford called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2) Introductions:** (Laura Maffei, Board Chair and Staff)

Chair Scott Ashford, Vice-Chair Linda Kozlowski, and Board Members Diane Teeman, Laura Maffei, and Katie Jeremiah were all in attendance via Zoom video/phone.

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Staff in attendance:

Ruarri Day-Stirrat, Director/State Geologist

Sarah Lewis, MLRR Program Manager

Lori Calarruda, Recording Secretary/Executive Assistant

Alex Lopez, Public Affairs Coordinator

Steve Dahlberg, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Jason McClaughry, Interim GS&S Program Manager

Others in attendance:

April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO)

Sione Filimoehala, DAS Office of the Chief Financial Officer

**3) Review 2023-25 Agency Request Budget (ARB):**

Steve Dahlberg, Chief Financial Officer; reviewed the 2023-25 Agency Request Budget (ARB) for DOGAMI.

Dahlberg said the meeting is focused on the Agency Request Budget for MLRR and GS&S and seeks to maintain the Agency strength and continue to build for Oregon's future. He explained the Current Service Level (CSL) budget is an inflation and services adjusted 2021-23 LAB; with state mandated essential packages and the Policy Option Packages (POPs) it creates the full ARB. The goal is growth and direction for Oregon.

Dahlberg stated five of the six Agency's Key Performance Measures (KPMs) have not changed; KPM #4, Active Mine Sites Inspected Annually, has been revised to reflect better clarification and more realistic frequency of mine site visits. The Agency's five focus areas remain the same and each one supports multiple KPMs; the Agency is looking toward growth, the eight POPs, split between the two programs, will continue to enhance these focus areas and support the KPMs. Detailed information for each of these POPs were included in the Board Packet.

Dahlberg reviewed POP 102, Oregon Mapping Program: Water Resources and Mineral Resource Potential. This POP is requesting four new positions to support the geological mapping for mineral,

critical mineral resource potential, and focus on conservation and sustainability of water resources. At the federal level there is a lot of available funds through the Federal Appropriates Bill of 2023 /Infrastructure Bill. Through grant matches, there is potential to increase the federal funds by up to \$1.5 million, which would require the Agency to ask for an increase in Expenditure Limitation from the Legislature. He compared the impact of the POPs to the Current Service Levels; the CSL revenues is 37% General Fund, and the proposed will be 52%. DOGAMI is looking to add more General Fund support for general science while maintaining the Current Service Level.

Chair Ashford thanked Dahlberg for his presentation and stated it did not look like there were very many changes on the financials from the June 16, 2022 Board Meeting. Dahlberg answered there were not many changes, only additional clarity on the eight POPs.

Jeremiah said the Policy Option Packages look like they are adding more staff for inspections. She wanted to know the history of the number of inspectors in the past versus what is being proposed; and if the new staff are really needed or are there are other efficiencies that can be gained by staff coming back into the office. Lewis said her knowledge of the history is the numbers of mine site inspectors remained flat. They were previously done by region across the state, but that shifted to a centralized model and focused on expertise. Lewis said the Program has not been able to meet the KPM measures, which is the reason it has been updated to be more realistic and better aligned with the permitting cadence. Lewis explained that every single POP is designed to add or maximize a service, none are specifically designed to add staff to increase the numbers of the current program. Jeremiah thanked Lewis and Director Day-Stirrat for their outreach efforts prior to the meeting.

Chair Ashford stated Lewis commented the Program changed the KPM to lower the expectations, but he thinks it really had the wrong KPM; it is more about making it appropriate and the right KPM for the Program goals and mission of DOGAMI, and clarified it is not lowering expectations.

Chair Ashford asked Director Day-Stirrat for any additional input. Day-Stirrat said there are topics that could be addressed that have not been put forward, such as recent discussions on geothermal and CO<sub>2</sub>-segregation. The packages put forward are designed to grow the strength of the Agency and are looking towards a long term funding model; the USGS, through the Department of Interior, have put that in place and made their programs more flexible than in the past. With regard to MLRR, the fee structure is not being changed, therefore the positions are limited duration, which is a reflection of the type of program trying to be ran. The GS&S positions are permanent, reflecting what is thought to be the stability of external funding related to national strategic interest.

Board Action: **Jeremiah moved to accept the 2023-25 Agency Request Budget and DOGAMI Governing Board authorizes Chair Ashford to sign and certify the DOGAMI 2023-2025 Agency Request Budget on behalf of the Governing Board. Maffei seconded. Motion carried.**

#### **4) Public Comment:**

Only written comments received prior to or by 4:15 p.m. on the day of the meeting were to be accepted. Chair Ashford asked for any written public comments. No public comments.

#### **5) Board Adjourn:**

Chair Ashford adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

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Scott Ashford, Chair