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**PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, March 19, 2024**

**OWRD 3rd Floor Rogue Conference Room, Salem, Oregon
With Online Video/Phone Conference Option**

Meeting Recording: [Groundwater Advisory Committee Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GroundwaterAdvisoryCommitteeMeeting)

Summary

A. Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Phil Brown, Co-Chair Zach Freed, Brandon Brown, Chuck Fobert, Lance Lindow, Richard Smith, and Trent Castner.

B. Selection of Committee Chair and Co-Chair for 2024

Richard nominates Phil Brown as Committee Chair for 2024, Phil seconds/agrees, unanimous approval.

Phil nominates Zach Freed as Committee Co-Chair for 2024, Richard seconds, unanimous approval.

Recording: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=1174>

C. Approval of November 2023 Meeting Summary

Adopt November 2023 meeting summary:
Richard motions to adopt, Phil seconds, unanimous approval.

Recording: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=1356>

D. Start Card Fee Update

Jennifer Brown, Accountant, Administrative Services Division, presented the annual Start Card fees update to the Committee.

Recording of presentation: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=1472>



Committee discussion: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=2372>

E. Legislative Update

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, presented a summary of groundwater-related issues from the 2024 Legislative Session.

Recording of presentation: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=2468>

Committee discussion: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=3094>

F. Harney Basin Groundwater Updates

Tim Seymour, Groundwater Section Assistant Manager, presented updates on Malheur Lakes Basin Program rulemaking (Division 512) and the Harney Domestic Well Remediation Fund.

Recording of presentation: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=4026>

Committee discussion: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=5763>

Public comment: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=6421>

G. Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking Updates

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, presented updates on the groundwater allocation rulemaking (Divisions 300, 8, 9, and 410).

Introductory process remarks: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=6709>

Recording of presentation: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=7395>

Committee discussion: <https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=10138>

Public comment (followed by additional discussion):

<https://youtu.be/XQIsUDDbDE?t=10655>

Committee decides to meet again in May 2024 to discuss further and draft their input to the commission on the proposed allocation rules at that time.

Adjourn