

**HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON RURAL COMMUNITIES, LAND USE
AND WATER**

September 28, 2015
08:30 AM

Hearing Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Brian Clem, Chair
Rep. Ken Helm, Vice-Chair
Rep. Bill Post, Vice-Chair
Rep. Vic Gilliam
Rep. David Gomberg
Rep. Mike McLane
Rep. Brad Witt

STAFF PRESENT: Beth Patrino, Committee Administrator
Samantha Koopman, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES: Organizational Meeting
Adoption of Committee Rules
Informational Meeting
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project Update
“Rural Oregon: Analyzing Demographic and Economic
Trends Across Rural Oregon and a Look Ahead”
Federal Clean Water Act: Waters of the United States Rule
2015 Legislative Session Review and Committee
Discussion

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00:00:04 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:04 Chair Clem

00:00:32 **Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting**
00:00:34 MOTION: VICE CHAIR POST MOVES ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE
RULES

00:00:40 EXHIBIT 1: Chair Clem
00:00:48 Rep. McLane
00:00:52 Beth Patrino, Committee Administrator
00:01:03 Vice-Chair Post

- 00:01:09 VOTE: 5-0-2
AYES: GOMBERG, MCLANE, HELM, POST, CLEM
EXCUSED: GILLIAM, WITT
- 00:01:38 **Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project Update –
Informational Meeting**
- 00:01:39 Chair Clem
- 00:02:58 EXHIBIT 2: Craig Reeder, Hale Farms
- 00:04:54 Vice-Chair Post
- 00:08:11 Don Rice, Greenwood Resources, Boardman Tree Farm
- 00:11:58 Vice-Chair Helm
- 00:13:36 Bob Levy, Windy River
- 00:25:33 Rep. McLane
- 00:35:37 Rep. Witt
- 00:36:49 EXHIBIT 3: Mitch Colburn, Engineering Leader, Idaho Power
- 00:46:39 EXHIBITS 4-6: Todd Cornett, Siting Division Administrator, Oregon
Department of Energy
- 00:51:04 Margi Hoffmann, Energy Policy Advisory, Governor's Office
- 00:56:01 Rep. Gilliam
- 00:59:19 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:
EXHIBITS 7-10: Carla McLane, Planning Director, Morrow County
- 00:59:28 **"Rural Oregon: Analyzing Demographic and Economic Trends
Across Rural Oregon and a Look Ahead" – Informational Meeting**
- 00:59:29 Chair Clem
- 00:59:30 Rep. Witt
- 01:00:04 EXHIBITS 11-12: Mark McMullen, State Economist, Office of Economic
Analysis
- 01:02:28 Rep. McLane
- 01:07:43 Rep. Gomberg
- 01:16:01 Josh Lehner, Senior Economist, Office of Economic Analysis
- 01:24:27 Vice-Chair Post
- 01:46:43 Rep. Gilliam
- 01:48:37 **Federal Clean Water Act: Waters of the United States Rule –
Informational Meeting**
- 01:48:38 Chair Clem
- 01:49:38 EXHIBIT 13: Richard Whitman, Natural Resources Policy Director,
Governor's Office
- 02:13:13 Paul Garrahan, Attorney-in-Charge, Natural Resources Section,
Department of Justice
- 02:17:25 Rep. McLane
- 02:26:35 **2015 Legislative Session Review and Committee Discussion –
Informational Meeting**
- 02:26:36 Exhibit 14: Chair Clem

02:27:44 Rep. McLane
02:29:11 Meeting Adjourned