

**Current Charter  
of the  
Committee for Family Forestlands**

Pursuant to ORS 526.016 General duties, limits, meetings, and rules; the State Board of Forestry hereby establishes a standing committee to assist the Board in addressing family forestland issues.

**Purpose:** The Committee for Family Forestlands shall advise the Oregon Board of Forestry and State Forester in matters relating to family forestlands consistent with the Board of Forestry's Forestry Program for Oregon such as but not limited to:

- ◆ Maintenance of a viable family forestland base in Oregon.
- ◆ Evaluating the effects that changes in forest policies have on family forestland owners.
- ◆ Formulation of recommendations of family forestland policies and policy options.
- ◆ Providing guidance for implementing Department of Forestry program strategies and activities to improve services to family forestland owners.
- ◆ Emphasizing the role of family forestland owners in providing for forest sustainability including timber availability and the maintenance and enhancement of watersheds and fish and wildlife habitat
- ◆ Evaluating the types and levels of assistance needed by family forestland owners to fulfill their objectives while considering public values and benefits that are derived from their lands.
- ◆ Improving family forestland owners access to the Board of Forestry.
- ◆ Raising the public awareness that family forestland owner's play in maintaining the Oregon Environment.

The Board and State Forester shall consult with the committee with regards to such matters.

**Committee Membership:** The committee shall be composed of ten members consisting of:

Seven voting member:

1. Four family forestland owners. One from each of the Department of Forestry's three administrative regions and one at-large position.
2. One forest industry representative.
3. One environmental community representative.
4. One citizen-at-large.

Three ex-officio members:

1. Oregon State University College of Forestry
2. State Forester Representative
3. Oregon Forest Resources Institute

**Member Appointments, Qualifications, Committee Organization:**

1. The Board of Forestry shall appoint committee members.
2. Family forestland owners' acreage of forestland, 2 to 5,000 acres, shall be a consideration in selecting landowners to provide a perspective of small to large forest ownership. The forest Industry representative shall be a landowner of more than 5,000 acres of forestland or the authorized representative of such landowner. The environmental community member shall be a recognized representative of the environmental community. The citizen-at-large shall be a private citizen who does not own forestland.
3. Voting members are appointed to 3-year terms with a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms.
4. The State Forester shall appoint the Director for the Private and Community Forests Program to serve as support secretary to the committee.
5. The Board of Forestry shall appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson.

**Conduct of Meetings:**

1. The committee may determine the operating procedures governing the transaction of their business.
2. The chairperson shall have the usual duties and power of a presiding officer.
3. All meetings will be conducted as open public meetings, consistent with ORS 192.610 – ORS 192.710.
4. The committee secretary shall send an agenda together with minutes of the previously held meeting to all committee members prior to each meeting.