

Council Business Meeting

August 17, 2021

Agenda Item	Appointment of John Owen to the Forest Lands Commission	
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SUMMARY

Confirm Mayor's appointment of John Owen to the Forest Lands Commission.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 2.19.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is confirmation by the City Council of the Mayor's appointment to the Forest Lands Commission.

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to approve the appointment of John Owen to the Forest Lands Commission with a term expiring April 30, 2024.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Application

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

Please type or print answers to the following questions and submit to the City Recorder at City Hall, 20 E Main Street, or email melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at 488-5307. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name John F. Owen

Requesting to serve on: The Forest Lands Commission

Mailing Address 500 Grandview Drive, Ashland, OR.
97520

Physical Address same

Occupation retired U.S. Forest Service Phone: Home 541-552-0522

Work NA

Email ecorighter@gmail.com

Fax 541-552-0522

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended?

U.C. Davis; California State University, East Bay; University of Arizona, Tucson

What degrees do you hold?

B.A. in English

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

Undergraduate minor in Natural Sciences; over 400 hours of formal training in contract law and management.

2. Related Experience

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

30 years with the U.S. Forest Service as a contracting officer and acquisitions program manager

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why?

Continuing education is always valuable.

3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position?

I believe my understanding of natural resources and my familiarity with governmental, bureaucratic systems would allow me to contribute to the work of the Forest Lands Commission and to the healthy maintenance of our watershed. _____

4. Availability

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? __

Yes, I would be available to attend special meetings. I have no preference on time so long as it doesn't subsume too much of my time. _____

5. Additional Information

How long have you lived in this community? _

21 years _____

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

While with the U.S. Forest Service, I authored the Stewardship Contracting/Agreement Authority which was subsequently passed into legislation by Congress in 1993. For the next 15 years, I served as the chief lobbyist and liaison for implementing Stewardship Contracting/Agreement authority in the agency. When I retired in 2008, I was overseeing the finalization of the contract/agreement that was awarded as the Ashland Forest Resiliency Project in 2010. (Sometimes, good things take a long time to come to fruition.) Fortunately, I live in the community that initiated one of the earliest if not the first legitimate stewardship contract/agreement. _____
