The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Ron Weber, Chair, Elsie-Jewell/Seaside Rural Citizen Advisory Committee.

**EJ-SR CAC Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Guests/Public Present** | **Staff Present**
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Pam Birmingham | Virginia Edwards | Jed Arnold | Victoria Sage
Ron Weber | Brian Lippy | Dan Stark | Julia Decker
Connie Moore | | Tim Sheil |
Diane Jette | | Dana Bangs |
Brady Girt | | Courtney Bangs |

**Welcome and Introductions:**
The group and staff introduced themselves.

**Review and Approval of October 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes:**
The minutes of the September 17, 2019 Elsie-Jewell/Seaside Rural Citizen Advisory Committee meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Update from Countywide CAC Liaison:**
Mr. Weber reported that the Countywide CAC (CCAC) group yielded their October meeting time to a workshop on the Forest Practices Act (FPA) with the Oregon Department of Forestry. His takeaways from the discussion surrounded the topics of housing, wildfire, cannabis impacts, and transportation.

Mr. Weber asked the group for themes and takeaways regarding farming and agricultural lands.

Ms. Birmingham (a local realtor) noted she has not had push back from buyers on the hemp farm neighboring one of her listings in the area.

Ms. Courtney Bangs thinks the county should consider whether distance between cannabis farms and schools should be a land-use consideration.

The group discussed the right-to-farm, and what are the best farming practices. It was thought that the County should promote the “best” farming practices moving forward.

**Goal 4 Background Report:**
Ms. Sage provided a brief background report on Goal 4 – Farmlands. She noted that Forest Lands are strictly regulated by the State, so the County is limited in the types of changes or conversions of resource lands to other uses.

**Stakeholder Presentation:**
Jed Arnold from Hampton lumber gave a brief description of his role, and offered to be an informational resource during the update process.
Dan Stark from Oregon State University offered his expertise and services ads well.

Discussion of Goal 4 – Forestlands:
The group began with a discussion about the concept of carbon sinks. Mr. Arnold explained the economic perspective of them as a global carbon trade system. Mr. Girt described them from an agricultural perspective. Ms. Gladwin stated that she would like trees used for carbon storage called out as a permitted use in the ordinance document. Ms. Birmingham noted that she sees the effects of climate change on the health of forests.

The group discussed the tree harvest cycle. Mr. Arnold described the global carbon budget and the way the harvest cycle contributes to net carbon release, He stated our harvest cycle here is less that 70-90 years. Ms. Bangs suggested that from her perspective having a longer harvest cycle isn’t beneficial in our area because trees grow so well here. She doesn’t want to see forest land taken out of the shorter cycle. Dan Stark described how a balance can be struck by laying some lands aside for longer periods while others are active. This can help with fire mitigation and sustainable forestry. Mr. Sheil stated that these practices are not mutually exclusive. Ms. Moore stated that she wants to see upgrades to FPA practices such as rotating tree crops, etc., since she sees the trees being stressed. Ms. Dana Bangs stated that the FPA cannot be changed at the county level. Mr. Arnold asked how short rotations are affecting soil quality. He cautioned against putting emphasis on one study. Mr. Girt suggested incentivizing practices that encourage looking at the forest as more than just the trees.

Ms. Birmingham suggested that maybe some lands should not be managed as a “laboratory”, and that nature did okay by itself. She noted that this wouldn’t apply to private land owners, because they are managed strictly for profit. Mr. Stark cautioned that doing nothing can cause the forest to become fire-prone too; they used to be actively managed for fire prevention by native Americans. He would, however, like to see more energy surrounding the encouragement of “above and beyond” normal industrial forestry.

Ms. Bangs suggested there was a break down in communication between the industry and the county.

The group discussed geological hazards and forestry practices. Mr. Sheil stated that the FPA has been updated over time, and if DOGAMI has updated its data, then the FPA will update as well. Ms. Birmingham saw room to strengthen the FPA policies surrounding landslide-prone areas. Mr. Arnold countered that zoning should consider where homes are allowed to be built. The discussion turned to housing and where it should be allowed. The group would like to see it clustered along roads.

Holiday Schedule:
Ms. Sage explained that a hiatus will be taken from the update process through the end of April for staff to work on language as recommended by the CACs for Goals 1-4. The group decided they would like to opt for an additional meeting in December at an earlier date than their usual meeting to continue the discussion of Goal 4. It was agreed that staff would send out a poll for the date selection.

Closing Comments and Adjournment:
As there was no further business or discussion, Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.