



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Board direction to schedule a hearing in response to the complaint by Amy Varner against Rodney Dieckhoff, President of the Four Rivers Vector Control District

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Following review of the multiple response documents submitted by the District, staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with ORS 452.120(2), convene a hearing to consider the complaint submitted on April 2, 2025 by Amy Varner.

While staff concludes that the issues raised in the complaint have been adequately addressed by the District, and that "cause" does not exist for removal of Rodney Dieckhoff, ORS 452.120(2) mandates that the BOCC hold a hearing to formally consider the complaint.

The BOCC may remove a district trustee only for cause. In similar matters, the BOCC has determined that criteria indicative of "cause" includes: (a) change in elector status; (b) missing Board meetings; (c) self-dealing; (d) ineptitude; (e) misappropriation of funds; (f) conduct which exposes the district to unreasonable risk of liability; or (g) disruptive behavior at Board meetings.

Suggested Motion:

Move to direct staff to coordinate with the parties for the scheduling of a hearing at which time the BOCC will review the complaint and responses and determine if cause exists to remove Four Rivers Vector Control District President Rodney Dieckhoff.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

County staff received a complaint filed by Amy Varner on April 2, 2025 (copy attached). The complaint was forwarded to the Four Rivers Vector Control District for a response. A timely response packet was received from the District Board on May 5, 2025, a copy of which is also attached.

The role of the County with regard to vector control districts is described in ORS Chapter 452. In summary, the BOCC appoints a governing board of five trustees; each trustee is appointed for a term of 4-years. Trustees must be residents and electors of the district. ORS 452.090 provides that the BOCC may remove any trustee from office for cause.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

County Legal