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Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District

Miller Woods – 15580 NW Orchard View Rd., McMinnville, OR 97128

In Attendance:

Directors	Present
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pat FitzGerald	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other	Present
Commissioner Primozych	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ken Nygren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SWCD/NRCS	Present
Larry Ojua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julie Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josh Togstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marie Vicksta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Crabtree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sonya Wilkerson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Hoskins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sergio Villaseñor	<input type="checkbox"/>

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Barbara Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Late Agenda Items: Leo Krick asked to be added to the agenda under Land Use.

- 2) **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:** The board reviewed the minutes from the October 12 and November 9, 2016 board meetings. Sam Sweeney moved and Leo Krick seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the October 12 and November 9, 2016 Board Minutes					
	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted					
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Amended					
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled					
Gordon Dromgoole and Gordon Cook were not in attendance during the vote.					
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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- 3) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** The board reviewed the November 2016 Treasurer’s Report. Sam Sweeney moved and Leo Krick seconded to accept the November 2016 Treasurer’s Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the November 2016 Treasurer’s Report					
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	Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- 4) **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW:** The following items were circulated: A Habitat for Humanity thank you note, the Historical Society’s Newsletter, West Multnomah SWCD Annual Report and SDAO Conference information.
- 5) **OLD BUSINESS:**
- City of Carlton – Letter of Support:** Barbara distributed copies of the district’s letter supporting the city of Carlton’s Raw Water Storage Expansion Study Grant.
- Dawn Yelk Property Donation:** Larry relayed Dawn’s desire to wait until 2017 to move forward with her property donation process.
- OACD Monthly Teleconference Report:** Barbara and Larry were unable to join the session. Pat will be asked to provide a recap at the next board meeting.
- Annual Dinner - Recap:** The comments from the board were very positive. Julie announced the auction raised more money than last year with 1/3 less items. The board made suggestions to publish award winner’s bios in the program and eliminate their speeches in an effort to shorten the program. The group also proposed Promoting nominations at the Native Plant Sale and throughout the year. The district will also select a date and secure a speaker earlier in the year.

- 6) **NEW BUSINESS:**
- Native Plant Sale Order Form:** Julie reported the Native Plant Sale form has been completed and will be inserted into the December Issue of the district newsletter. Interactive ordering for online orders will begin simultaneously with the release of the newsletter.
- OR Community Foundation Grant:** Marie announced an \$8000 grant was received from the Oregon Community Foundation. The funds will be utilized to host group meetings of districts and others involved in ODA’s Strategic Implementation Area process.

- 7) **DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:**
- SDIS Training:** Larry conducted a training session on Oregon Ethics Law and Best Practices. Completion of this course by board members will result in a 2% credit towards the district’s property/casualty insurance premium.
- Mid-Year Work Session – Date Selection:** The board selected Tuesday, February 7 for their Mid-Year Work Session. The meeting will be held at Miller Woods Conference Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Cultural Resource Contract (New Amendment):** Larry reported NRCS requested the district provide contractors for five additional projects in Marion County. An amendment to the original contract was created using the same rates and terms.
- Oregon Employment Department (Unemployment Benefit Expenses)** Larry stated the district recently responded to two unemployment claims. A determination in the amount of \$334 indicates the district’s financial responsibility for a temporary seasonal position. It is unlikely the district will be responsible for the second claim, in the amount of \$200, which is for an employee who resigned from a position.

8) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:

District Gathering at Grain Station - December 15: Larry shared the gathering held recently at the Grain Station was well attended, despite the bad weather. Victor and Theresa Berthelsdorf attended along with 26 other guests.

Women in Sustainable Agriculture: Marie stated that over 350 women from around the nation attended the conference which was held in Portland. Several local districts hosted a joint booth at the event and she was very impressed with the useful information provided to attendees.

Pesticide Collection Event - Nov 19: Marie reported over 49,000 pounds of pesticide waste and 3,000 pounds of empty plastic containers were safely disposed of at this collection event.

9) LAND USE:

Land Use Table: There were no comments regarding land use requests.

Baker Rock Flood Plain Permit Follow-up: Sam reported the majority of the advisory group felt legally compelled to approve the Baker Rock Flood Plain permit. The advisory group suggested Grand Island landowners go to the Yamhill County Commissioners for assistance in preserving the environmental values of the area.

Presentation to Metro: Leo Krick, representing the district, has been asked to speak to Metro regarding landfill issues. After an extensive discussion, a motion was presented. Gordon Dromgoole moved and Dave Cruickshank seconded to recognize Larry and Leo Krick as spokespersons for the district on issues relating to the landfill. The motion passed unanimously. It was the consensus of the board that Larry meet with Mike and Leo to create talking points prior to the January board meeting. The document will be presented to the board for approval.

Vote Record – Approve Larry and Leo Krick as spokespersons for the district on issues relating to the landfill.					
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10) PROTECTED PROPERTIES

Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO): Mike reported Frank Fromherz assisted the district in constructing a water bar on the YOCO property. Frank asked to be briefed on the progress of the management plan and Mike agreed to meet with him in January.

Mt. Richmond Update: Mike shared a local school group visited the property to practice burning brush piles for a class. The wood was too wet and the group may come back at a later time.

Turner Creek Property: Larry announced Donn Callaham and Nancy Woodworth are anxious to move forward with their plan to donate land to the district with a goal to complete the transaction in 2017.

Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve: Larry reported BPA has decided to split the closing costs for the Berthelsdorf transaction and will reimburse the district \$2325.

Chegwyn Farms Update: Larry visited Charlie and Betty prior to Thanksgiving. Charlie expressed concerns regarding water pooling in the back corner of the property. The district will look into the matter this summer. The board discussed the status and dynamics of the current leases and a more detailed conversation was recommended.

Miller Woods Update: Mike announced the building materials have arrived and the pole barn will be completed by February. The volunteers involved will be required to attend a thorough safety training prior to working on this project.

11) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT:

Weed Symposium Report: Mike and Leo attended the symposium and both recapped new information.

12) STAFF REPORTS: There were no comments on staff reports.

13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Gordon Cook shared information about his trip to Mexico and the farming conditions in the area.

Sam reported on a call he received from the Local Advisory Committee regarding water quality concerns on a large farm in Dundee. He and Marie toured the property and met with the manager. Marie will follow-up with the company that owns the farm to suggest better water quality practices.

Barbara provided a report on the latest Board of Agriculture meeting. The group toured the OSU North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora and all were very impressed with the amount of research being conducted and the enthusiasm observed.

14) AGENCY REPORTS:

NRCS: Thomas reported 27 applications for EQIP have been received. The second round of applications will begin January 18. He announced Sergio has completed his assignment as acting District Conservationist for Washington County. Amie added that 35 RCPP applications have been received for Yamhill and Polk counties.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

16) ADJOURNMENT: Barbara adjourned the meeting at 9:54 am.