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Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 10, 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
Ken Nygren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Luke Westphal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nik Wiman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nellie McAdams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Brewster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Travis Meuwissen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan Rinke	<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"/>
Mary King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Hoskins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Barbara Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:32 am and introductions were made.

Late Agenda Items: Solar Energy Letter; Review 16/17 work plan; KOIN 6 news at Krick Property; Harvest Fest

- 2) PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:** The board reviewed the minutes from the July 13, 2016 board meeting. Dave Cruickshank moved and Sam Sweeney seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve July 13, 2016 Board Minutes					
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- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT:** The board reviewed the July Treasurer’s Report. Dave Cruickshank moved and Gordon

Dromgoole seconded to accept the July 2016 Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the July 2016 Treasurer's Report					
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4) **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW:** OSU is hiring a new OSU Extension Soil and Water Quality specialist for Oregon. Derek Godwin invited constituents to observe four finalist presentations to be held at the Oregon Farm Bureau building in Salem. An email indicating presentation dates and times was circulated.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**

North Yamhill SIA Enhanced CREP Update: Josh announced this grant has been officially approved and work will begin starting with spraying blackberries and weeds. There are three landowners we will begin working with and need to select approved contractors. Larry presented a resolution concerning contractors noting to exercise right to use other agency approved contracts under Oregon Revised Statutes. Larry expounded on adoption of the resolution to build a master contract from one Clean Water Services developed. Larry explained the district will select a contractor utilizing the Master Contract from Clean Water Services of Washington County. Larry drafted Resolution 81016 accordingly and presented it to the board. Sam Sweeney moved and Leo Krick seconded to approve the resolution.

Vote Record – Approve Resolution 81016					
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Marie and Josh will provide an overview of the project at the next board meeting.

RCPD Update – Status Report – Cultural Resource Contract: Amie reported the contractors have received clearance on the Cultural Resource issues and work began yesterday. Larry reminded the group of the agreement the board made several months ago to work with NRCS and to contract with consultants or companies that are qualified to conduct cultural resource reviews for projects. The district will utilize contractors to complete required cultural surveys for RCPD, EQIP, and other USDA-funded projects in the seven-county area of NW Oregon.

Larry shared that Amie, Thomas and Leo were interviewed for a segment about Oak Restoration on KOIN 6 News and all did a very professional job. The video is available to view on KOIN.com.

ODA – Potential Truck Purchase: Mike reported the district is still working to purchase a service truck from the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The latest information from ODA is that the district will need to purchase the truck for \$1000. The vehicle has low mileage and will be used for fire protection, spray work and hauling district equipment. Mike and Larry will keep the board updated as things move forward and the transaction is finalized.

OACD Monthly Teleconference Report: Barbara and 26 other districts participated in the monthly conference call. The discussion focused primarily on changes being made on funds available from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. It was also announced that the OACD Annual Conference will be a business meeting only this year.

Annual Meeting Date Change: The Annual Meeting date needs to be changed due to conflicts with several board members. Leo Krick moved and Sam Sweeney seconded to move the date to November 16. The motion passed unanimously. The McMinnville Community Center is available but will be confirmed right away.

Vote Record – Move the Annual Meeting date to November 16.					
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No-Till Drill: Follow-up: Sam, Marie and Gordon Cook presented extensive research on the pros and cons of the district purchasing a no-till drill to rent out. A lengthy discussion ensued, which included comments from Nik Wiman and Nellie McAdams. Gordon Dromgoole moved and Dave Cruickshank seconded to purchase a 606 NT 6 foot Land Pride No-Till Drill for \$15,750 from OVS. The district solicited several bids and OVS was the lowest responsive bidder. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the purchase of a No-Till Drill					
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6) NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Jim Thompson: Barbara introduced Jim Thompson. Jim is running for the State House of Representatives, District 23. He shared his extensive background of three and one-half terms in the legislature and his experience in agriculture.

Meet McMinnville – Annual Advertising: Julie presented an advertising package for Meet McMinnville, a publication produced by the News Register targeted to visitors and new residents. The consensus of the board was to pass on this advertising opportunity.

South Yamhill Flow – Web Updates: Marie reported the Water Master has been in contact with our district and Polk SWCD in an effort to be more proactive this year. He did not want the districts to send out information regarding “possible” water restrictions and is choosing to be more active personally in his role. He is supplying Marie and Polk SWCD with weekly flow measurements to post on the district website to keep pertinent landowners informed.

McMinnville FFA Donation Consideration: It was announced at the last board meeting that McMinnville FFA and Yamhill Carlton FFA both won first place in two separate divisions and will be going to Indiana and Nashville respectively. Dave Cruickshank moved and Leo Krick seconded to donate \$200 to both school's FFA Chapters to help fund these trips. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the Donation of \$200 to both McMinnville and Yamhill/Carlton FFA Chapters					
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7) **DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:** Larry presented the board with the proposed 2016-2017 Annual Work Plan. The board will review the information and a vote will be taken at the next board meeting. Sam asked that a list of deletions, changes and additions from last year's work plan be emailed to the board. Once approved, the 2016-2017 Annual Work Plan will be sent to ODA and posted on the district website.

8) **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:**

Summer Nut Growers Society/Tour: Marie, Sergio and Thomas had a booth at the Nut Growers Society Annual Summer Tour at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. The event was extremely successful and was a good opportunity to introduce attendees to Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District and NRCS. They plan to participate again in the winter event.

Land Stewardship Workshop Series: Marie announced the dates for the Land Stewardship Workshop series have been confirmed and the district will handle registration and payment through the district website.

Farmer's Market Report: Mary shared that the district was able to secure a booth at the Farmer's Market on September 22, thanks to Barbara's relationship with that organization.

Harvest Fest at the Heritage Center - August 13 & 14: Mary will be at the district booth during Harvest Fest and invited board members to join her if they so desired. Sam Sweeney volunteered to attend.

9) **LAND USE:**

Land Use Table: There was a discussion regarding #610, a request for a non-farm dwelling on 18.9 acres on Rice Lane in Amity. The board would like Larry to respond to this application. Sam noted an ongoing concern with weed control and erosion on smaller parcels. He suggested the district prepare a "boiler plate" letter targeted to smaller landowners, listing their responsibilities and offering district help pending approval of their application. Sam Sweeney moved and Gordon Cook seconded to produce a letter listing ownership responsibilities to land use applicants with smaller parcels. Larry and Sam will create letter.

Vote Record – Approve moving forward with a letter listing ownership responsibilities to land use applicants with smaller parcels pending approval of their applications.					
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10) PROTECTED PROPERTIES

Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO): Mike reported mowing and clearing work is continuing, avoiding spots where Fender’s Blue butterflies may be present. Spraying is scheduled for the fall. Amie is starting work on the management plan for this property which is due next fall.

Muddy Valley: Larry is continuing to work with Bonneville Power Administration, the landowners, and The Nature Conservancy in an effort to close this property transaction by September 30, 2016. The rental agreement for the hay fields, the required surveys and the environmental assessments have been completed. He is working through some issues on the caretaker agreement at this time.

Chegwyn Farms: Mike reported that the district’s pump has been serviced and is ready to use. Sam said he is willing to provide irrigation pipe, so the district can irrigate before the end of the season.

Miller Woods Update: Mike shared that the small tractor has been moved back at Miller Woods after using it for mowing on other properties. The district is still looking for an affordable trailer. The pump for the nursery went down and Mike installed a new pump. The nursery experienced leaf damage from beetles on various plants. They have been treating the problem with an organic insecticide and are observing positive results. Mike provided an update on the 180,000 native plants he has pre-ordered for use at the annual plant sale and various projects. Mike is finding that native plant seedlings are in short supply this year.

Mt. Richmond Update: James has been mowing, again avoiding spots where Fender’s Blue butterflies may be present.

Amie reported the Institute for Applied Ecology and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are assessing YOCO and Mt. Richmond as possible reintroduction sites for the Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly. She will find out more information this afternoon.

11) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT: Mike shared the district’s plan to spray targeted areas near Grand Island for garden knapweed and reported the purple loosestrife on Grand Island is out of control. He will be working with ODA on using biological controls to contain this weed and he will be spraying other areas for purple loosestrife. Tansy ragwort has made a comeback and Mike is recommending all districts contact ODA to have them assist with reestablishing biological controls.

Barbara announced that Tim Butler will be attending an upcoming board meeting to share the difference between a Weed District and a Weed Board.

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

13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Sam led a discussion regarding active solicitation by solar energy companies to Yamhill County farmers. He drafted a letter expressing concern with the loss of farm land in Western Oregon due to solar energy installations being approved by counties under the conditional use process. The letter requests consideration of a moratorium and a review of Oregon’s current policy regarding solar installations on Oregon’s farmlands. Sam Sweeney moved and Dave Cruickshank seconded to approve the letter with modifications.

Vote Record – Approve the letter with modifications.					
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14) AGENCY REPORTS:

GYWC: Luke updated the board on summer activities and reported on the success of the Watershed Education Adventure Camps, with many being held at Miller Woods.

NRCS Report: Thomas requested to have several NRCS items added to the agenda. ODOT would like to hold the required Public Release Meeting regarding the replacement of Three Mile Bridge in McMinnville during or after the district's board meeting on September 14. Thomas will find out more information and report back to the board for proper scheduling. He would also like to discuss the new Forestry CIS at the next meeting.

Thomas discussed the available funds from the new CIS for Agriculture. He distributed a copy of the CIS and reviewed the highlights with the board.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

16) ADJOURNMENT: Barbara adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.