



**Wednesday, May 10, 2017**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

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MILLER WOODS | 15580 NW ORCHARD VIEW ROAD | MCMINNVILLE, OR 97128

Approved

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTORS:	Present	OTHER/GUESTS:	Present	SWCD/NRCS:	Present
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stan Primozych	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Ojua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luke Westphal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nygren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Togstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Marie Vicksta	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Crabtree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Hoskins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Amie Loop-Frison	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sergio Villaseñor	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & LATE AGENDA ITEMS:** The meeting was called to order at 7:31 am.
- 2) BOARD MINUTES: ACTION** The board reviewed the minutes from the April 12, 2017 board meeting. Pat FitzGerald moved and Sam Sweeney seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the April 12, 2017 Board Minutes.					
	DIRECTOR	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted	Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Amended	Gordon Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT:** The board reviewed the April Treasurer's Report. Sam Sweeney moved and Pat FitzGerald seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve April 2017 Treasurer's Report					
	DIRECTOR	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted	Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- 4) REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE:** The following items were circulated: OACD Legislative Update; miscellaneous newsletters and a safety flyer on skin cancer protection.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

- OACD Teleconference & Next Lower Willamette Basin Meeting:** Pat reported the Recreational Immunity Act (SB 327A) is moving forward and reported the resignation of Jerry Nicolescu, OACD Executive Director. There will be a Lower Willamette Basin meeting on May 23 in Keizer.



- b. **Outreach to New ODA Director, Alexis Taylor:** Barbara shared that the Director is aware of the district’s soil erosion concerns. She will have an opportunity to talk with the Director at the Board of Ag meeting.
- c. **Native Plant Sale Revenue Expenses (5yr.):** Larry spoke to the Native Plant Sale revenues and trends and the board discussed various accounting aspects. He provided the board members an open invitation to come into the office should they desire more details.
- d. **No-Till Drill Follow-up:** The topic was postponed until next month.

**6) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **COLT Tour at Miller Woods (6/1):** The Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT) will hold its quarterly meeting at Miller Woods on June 1. Larry and other staff members will provide information and a tour.
- b. **Summer Ag Institute – Update:** Julie has yet to find any available parties. School is going longer this year due to snow days and the conference is the day after school lets out. Barbara is conducting outreach and teachers will be given information at the Woodland Tour.
- c. **Chehalem Valley Site Visit and Flooding Update:** Luke has been unable to connect with Yamhill County Mediators yet. It was recommended that contact be made first with the adjacent landowners. Research will be done prior to a meeting to provide the landowner with suggestions and alternatives to consider. The landowner who initially inquired is in Africa for a year.

**7) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:**

- a. **Contract with Upshot Services – Action:** Larry recommended the district contract with Upshot Services. Upshot Services is owned by James Riedman. The proposed contract with Upshot Services is for mowing and herbicide applications, not to exceed a total of \$6,200. Pat FitzGerald moved and Gordon Cook seconded to contract with Upshot Services with a cap of \$6,200. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve contracting with Upshot Services with a cap of \$6,200.					
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- b. **Staff Schedules (Mary & Josh):** Larry updated the board on schedule changes for June. Mary will be off the month of June for knee replacement surgery. Josh will be taking approximately 3 weeks off, associated with the birth of his baby.
- c. **Temporary Appointment:** Larry recommended offering Jessica LaRue a temporary appointment to fill in for Mary. Gordon Dromgoole moved and Leo Krick seconded to approve the temporary appointment of Jessica LaRue for the month of June, not to exceed 30 hours a week. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve a Temporary Appointment of Jessica LaRue in June, not to exceed 30 hours a week.					
	DIRECTOR	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
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- d. Letter of Support for The Nature Conservancy (TNC):** Larry wrote a letter of support for TNC, directed to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board regarding the Lomakatsi Restoration Project Grant Application: "Willamette Basin Oak Habitat Restoration Project." A copy of the letter was included in the board packet.
- e. Budget Committee Meeting:** The Budget Committee will meet Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the district office. The budget will be available on May 17. The district will mail a hard copy and email an electronic version to each budget committee member.
- f. Turner Creek – Update:** Larry reported he is continuing to work with Nancy and Donn regarding their interest in a potential donation. The landowners are also working with legal counsel and an accountant.
- g. District Investment Options:** Larry plans to meet with the district investment committee before July 1<sup>st</sup> to review investment options.

**8) EDUCATION & OUTREACH:**

- a. Succession Workshop Report:** Sam Sweeney and Gordon Cook attended the workshop and found the information presented very helpful. The topic appears to be very apropos for farmers planning for retirement and future succession. Gordon Cook commented there were many good questions and the workshop provided a good starting point for participants.
- b. Water Quality Practitioner Workshop:** The Executive Summary with the recommendations and findings from Solid Ground Consulting was distributed and discussed. The Oregon Community Foundation provided a grant to collect this information and to facilitate the workshop.
- c. Earth Day - Report:** Mary informed the board that attendance at Earth Day was not as robust as last year due to the rain. The 209 people that attended had a great time and there were lots of activities to keep everyone entertained.
- d. Woodland Tour: 5/17 & 5/18:** Mary and Julie reported that plans are in place for the Woodland Tour.
- e. CONNECT-Report:** Reports from attendees was positive and enthusiastic and all stated it consisted of good training, networking and information. CONNECT will be held in Seaside next year and Barbara encouraged board members to attend.

**9) LAND USE:**

- a. Land Use Table:** The Pacific NW Solar LLC conditional use and site review request was discussed at great length. The board directed Larry, with assistance from Leo and Sam, to create a letter outlining the district's concerns and recommendations. A hearing is scheduled for June 1.

**10) PROTECTED PROPERTIES:**

- a. Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):** Larry shared that weed control will begin in May.
- b. Mt. Richmond:** Upshot Services, James Riedman, will spray and mow this summer. The burn area and lupine area have been sprayed to control non-native grasses and Mike followed up on the six acre tree planting and spot sprayed where needed. Larry spoke with Norvella and she is comfortable having the district represent her interest in procuring a three-year hay agreement with Tim Pfeiffer. The agreement will net \$4,000 a year for the next three years.
- c. Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:** Larry reported that 12 loads of gravel were spread on the road. The Berthelsdorf's donated \$3,000 to help with the rock purchase. Planned work at the property includes site prep to control blackberries on the dam that will be repaired by USFWS, and other noxious weed control.



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- d. **Chegwyn Farms:** Blackberry control will be implemented in late May and Larry reported he will plan a meeting with Charlie, Sam, Kamal and Roy regarding the walnut lease. He noted Charlie will donate \$250 to the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program.
- e. **Miller Woods:** Larry read an update on work completed and announced that Jim Culbert discovered a National Champion Serviceberry specimen on the property. Barbara suggested having a donation jar available at the Give-A-Little Foundation race to raise money for the restroom facility.

**11) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT:** Garlic Mustard has been discovered in Yamhill County and Luke Westphal shared that he and Mike will be going out today to dig some up in several of the locations. There is a larger patch near Monrovia Nursery that might require hiring someone to professionally spray the area. Weed money will be utilized to pay for that eradication.

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

**13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

- Gordon Cook announced Yamhill County Public Works should be paving Orchard View Road soon.
- Leo Krick reported on the Oregon Small Woodlands Association Meeting in Gaston.
- Leo and Sam attended the Landfill Expansion meeting where Sam spoke on the landfill's harmful effects to food crop production.
- Leo also reported Metro's consideration to discontinue using Riverbend Landfill by 2019.
- Ken Nygren explained the purpose of the new Oregon State Forestry tax assessment is to collect money from forest lands that do not pay into the state fire fund. They receive protection but have not been paying into the fund for fire coverage.
- Gordon Dromgoole reported on a three-day tour he attended.
- Barbara updated the board on the OWEB board meeting.

**14) AGENCY REPORTS:**

- a. **GYWC:** Luke apprised the board of the efforts and changes at the GYWC. They will be focusing more on restoration projects.
- b. **NRCS:** Thomas asked to give a presentation on diversity at the next board meeting and reported Sergio is making great strides in processing EQIP contracts.

**15) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**16) ADJOURNMENT:** Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:58.