



APPROVED

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"/>	Sarah Rector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Togstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Marie Vicksta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Crabtree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Hoskins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sergio Villaseñor	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & LATE AGENDA ITEMS:** The meeting was called to order at 7:32 am. The group introduced themselves to Sarah Rector. Late Agenda items were added to the appropriate sections.
- 2) BOARD MINUTES: ACTION** The board reviewed the minutes from the October 11, 2017 board meeting. Leo Krick moved and Pat FitzGerald seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the October 11, 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"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Gordon Dromgoole arrived after the vote.	*Gordon Dromgoole	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sam Sweeney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

VOTE RECORD: Approve October 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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<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	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"/>
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- 4) REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE:** A thank you card for Alexis Taylor was circulated for board member signatures. The Lower Willamette Basin meeting details were discussed and board attendance confirmed for Barbara Boyer, Gordon Dromgoole, Pat FitzGerald, Larry Ojua and possibly Sam Sweeney (still not confirmed). Information regarding a scholarship to the NACD meeting in February was announced and several new appointments to partner organizations were relayed.



5) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Teleconference:** Pat shared highlights of the October OACD conference call. He announced there is \$9 million in funding available from NRCS through NACD nationally. Of the total available, \$7,357,000 is available to hire employees and \$1,600,000 for conservation planning practices. Applications are available online from NACD and due on November 27. He stated the application deadline for the new Executive Director ends today and noted there are four qualified applicants out of eight applications received. He shared the 2018 CONNECT Conference in April will be held in Seaside.
- b. **District Highway Signs (Polk Collaboration) Follow-Up:** Josh reported Polk SWCD is moving forward on this project and there are no new updates regarding the use of current district signs.
- c. **Straw Mulching Program Update:** Marie recapped recent straw mulching projects. Photos were circulated and 175 bales of straw were utilized to reduce erosion on private land. Larry hopes this service will act as a gateway to other conservation planning and implementation. The district plans to write a grant for \$20,000 to support and expand the program next year. Larry hopes the grant will allow the district to secure help through a contractor or additional staffing to help implement this type of work.
- d. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP):** Larry announced the CREP grant has been approved. It will provide \$154,845 for two years and will fund Josh's position. This grant is in partnership with Marion and Polk SWCDs.
- e. **Turner Creek Update:** Larry reports the landowners are still interested in a donation and continue to collect financial information.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Schedule District Board Work Session:** Barbara and Larry suggested the board meet following the December board meeting for a work session, to discuss long-term planning and finance. By consensus, the board agreed to hold the regular board meeting in December, and then extend the meeting as a work session that would conclude no later than noon.

7) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:

- a. **Employee Benefits - Healthcare:** Larry announced the employee health benefits are up for renewal. He stated the current Providence Health Plan premium cost increased from \$587 to \$667.70 monthly. Employees specified they would like to remain with this plan. Based on the board's December 2016 vote to cap district paid premium of \$600, employees will need to pay the additional \$67.70 out of pocket. Pat FitzGerald moved and Gordon Dromgoole seconded to renew the current Providence Health Plan and to maintain the cap set by the district board in December 2016 of \$600. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve renewing the current Providence health plan and capping the district contribution to \$600.					
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- b. **Policy Discussion – Board Absences:** This topic was tabled until next month.



- c. **Safety Training:** Larry reported Mary, Julie and Mike will be attending an all-day First Aid/CPR/AED training offered through the Tualatin SWCD on November 13.
- d. **Yamhill County Roadside Vegetation Committee Update:** Larry reported on the recent Roadside Vegetation Meeting he attended. The group discussed options the committee is suggesting as next steps. The board provided input and suggestions for Larry to share with the committee.

8) EDUCATION & OUTREACH:

- a. **Annual Meeting – (Report and Debrief):** The board discussed the event and speaker and expressed their overall satisfaction. Suggestions included:
 - i. Limiting guest speaker to 20 minutes
 - ii. More room is needed on the podium for notes and/or laptops
 - iii. Have the option to allow award winners to present information
 - iv. Move the dessert table closer to auction
 - v. Substitute plaques with more practical items
- b. **Attendance:** Mary shared 143 guests attended compared to 160 in 2016 and less people paid in advance. She noted the cost of each dinner is \$27 and guests currently pay only \$15 with advance registration. Attendance is \$20 without reservations. Julie suggested to increase the price to \$20 paid in advance and \$25 at the door. Leo Krick moved and Dave Cruickshank seconded to raise the cost of the tickets to \$20 if paid in advance and \$25 at the door. The motion passed unanimously. Julie reported the auction netted \$1900 and she will provide a financial report at next month’s meeting.

VOTE RECORD: Approve raising the ticket cost to \$20 if paid in advance and \$25 at the door.					
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9) LAND USE:

- a. **Land Use Table:** There were no comments on current Land Use applications.
- b. **Solar Installation Contractor:** Larry received a call from a solar installation contractor. He offered to send plans to the district for review. The board agreed and asked Larry to pursue this opportunity.

10) PROTECTED PROPERTIES:

- a. **Yamaha Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):** Mike announced the tour of this property and Mt. Richmond will leave after the board meeting. He reviewed recent improvements and the possibility of conducting a thinning project to improve the health of the forested areas.
- b. **Mt. Richmond:** Mike shared Upshot Services (James Riedman) installed a culvert last week.
- c. **Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:** Mike reported the straw mulching is finished and he will attack the Scotch Broom problem next year.
- d. **Chegwyn Farms:** Mike stated that he and Upshot Services replaced a drain line from the older home on the property, and cleaned out the ditch causing flooding into one of the farm fields. Larry reported he continues



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to move forward on the transfer of the Point of Diversion for the water rights and is providing the supporting documentation as requested.

- e. **Miller Woods:** Mike reported the 10 K Give A Little Foundation Race at Miller Woods was a huge success. Give a Little Foundation presented a check to the district for almost \$2000 to support the Miller Woods future restroom project. There were 109 runners who participated and they were all impressed with the condition of the trails. The Give a Little Foundation handled all the logistics. Miller Woods staff and volunteers managed the trails for the race. Both organizations would like to make this an annual event.

11) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT:

- a. **Weed Free Gravel Certification (Questions and Follow-up):** Vern Holm will be sending an email to Mike and Larry with answers to the questions from Vern's presentation during the September Board Meeting.

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

13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Gordon Cook shared he brought the No-Till drill to a Willamette Mission Restoration site where he successfully planted grass seed. Other organizations participating in the restoration project were pleased to hear of the availability of renting the drill from the district.
- b. Gordon Dromgoole provided photos of the dam construction on a neighboring property. He believes the dam to be a good conservation effort to control storm water and erosion.

14) AGENCY REPORTS:

- a. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Thomas shared the following with the board:
 - i. He is planning three Local Work Group Meetings for January 2018. He will have one at the board meeting; one in McMinnville and one in Sheridan. Leo Krick volunteered to help Thomas publicize the meeting in Sheridan.
 - ii. He will be planning a rainy day tour for local landowners on February 8 and will present erosion practices at a local property.
 - iii. The RCPP application deadline is November 17.
 - iv. The roadside signs promoting the funding areas will be ordered this week.
 - v. Sergio will be acting District Conservationist in Hillsboro for 120 days beginning November 13.
- b. **Greater Yamhill Watershed Council (GYWC):** Luke provided an update on the progress of the Cozine Creek project and reminded the board of the pesticide disposal event scheduled for November 18 in Mt. Angel. Details can be found on the district website.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Commissioner Primozich announced he has been appointed to the commission to research the feasibility of the state repairing the locks at Willamette Falls in Oregon City. The Army Corps of Engineers will no longer be involved. He solicited feedback on possible benefits to Yamhill County farmers and businesses, not including tourism. He asked for advice on sturgeon farming on behalf of a county landowner.

16) **ADJOURNMENT:** Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:56 am.