



Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Board Meeting Minutes

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

Approved

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

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"/>	Ken Nygren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Casey Kulla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Togstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kris Bledsoe	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:** Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and introductions were made.
- 2) BOARD MINUTES: ACTION** The board reviewed the minutes from the February 14, 2018 board meeting. Pat FitzGerald moved and Gordon Cook seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the February 14, 2018 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT:** The board reviewed the February Treasurer's Report. Dave Cruickshank moved and Pat FitzGerald seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve February 2018 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:** Various industry newsletters, Marion SWCD Minutes, Marie's Viewpoints Mulching Article and a 1989-1990 District Annual Report were circulated.



5) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Teleconference:** Pat FitzGerald reported the recent call focused on the upcoming CONNECT Conference scheduled April 17-19 in Seaside, OR. He shared there are seven tracts with over 70 sessions and more than 350 people have signed up. He updated the board on the progress of the introductory tours with John Keith, the new Executive Director for OACD.
- b. **Revote: OACD Lower Willamette Basin (LWB) Chair & Vice-Chair:** Larry provided all directors with the bios for the two Lower Willamette Basin Chair candidates. Sam Sweeney moved and Dave Cruickshank seconded to recertify its selection of John McDonald for LWB Chair and Brian Lightcap for LWB Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve to recertify selection of John McDonald, LWB Chair & Brian Lightcap, LWB Vice-Chair.					
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- c. **Native Plant Sale Report:** Mike reported on the 2018 Native Plant Sale. The sale was the largest both in attendees and plant sales to date. Other highlights included:
 - 900 people attended the sale – many for the first time
 - 92 Different species offered
 - Sold 36,000 native plants
 - Gross sales were \$53,000
 - Miller Woods produced 3,318 plants and sold 2,669
 - Sales value from Miller Woods plants was over \$10,000

The board provided positive feedback and complimented the staff on their organizational skills.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **CONNECT Scholarship – Seaside, April 17-19:** Larry announced the district received \$1,000 scholarship funding for CONNECT. Staff Registration and hotel reservations have been completed. Julie will make hotel reservations and arrange conference registration for Pat FitzGerald and Barbara Boyer.
- b. **Kris Morse Bledsoe Presentation:** Kris Bledsoe is running for Oregon House District 23 and made a presentation to the board of directors. She provided the group with her background information, shared her qualifications for the position and relayed a few of her goals. She also listed endorsements she has received for her candidacy, noting she is not accepting funding from special interest groups and invited individuals at the board meeting to support her campaign.

- 7) **DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:** Larry reported the district has been approved for grant funding from the Oregon State Weed Board which will contribute funding for a Noxious Weed Coordinator Position and contracted services for spraying. Yamhill County Public Works will provide a funding match. Larry asked for board approval to begin recruitment to hire a limited duration position. Gordon Cook moved and Pat FitzGerald seconded to approve recruitment for a Noxious Weed Coordinator for a limited duration position. The motion passed unanimously.



VOTE RECORD: Approve recruitment for a Noxious Weed Coordinator, a limited duration position.					
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8) EDUCATION & OUTREACH:

- a. **Marion & Polk Cooperative Outreach:** Marie reported the mulching demonstration at Flying Feathers Orchard has been cancelled. Zach Christensen is considering hosting the event and Marie will confirm new details and notify the board.
- b. **Farm Fest - Heritage Center-April 7:** Mary announced that the district will have a booth at the Farm Fest event and invited board members to join her. Dave announced 20 draft horse teams are expected this year, and several are coming from out of state. One group is coming from British Columbia, Canada.
- c. **Earth Day:** Julie announced the **Miller Woods Earth Day** event will be held on **Saturday, April 21**. Features include:
 - i. A Native Bee Presentation by **Jeanie Taylor**
 - ii. **Head Start of Yamhill County** will partner and contribute to food costs.
 - iii. **Outdoor Education Adventures** (Neyssa Hays and Theresa Crain) will explore the pond critters and provide a booth with hands-on microscopes and more
 - iv. **Talk About Trees** will teach kids how to make paper
 - v. Tom Brewster will be building bird boxes with attendees
 - vi. Several hikes and guided tours will be offered
 - vii. Native plants, t-shirts, books and hats will be available for sale

9) Land Use:

- a. **Land Use Table:** The board expressed concern regarding the two new solar applications proposed on high value farmland. Sam Sweeney moved and Pat FitzGerald seconded to submit written comments consistent with previous letters, opposing applications C-04-18/SDR-07-18 and C-05-18/SDR-08-18, which propose solar generation facilities on high value farmland. Motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve submitting written comments opposing solar facilities on high value farmland.					
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- b. **Written Communication Re: Proposed County Ordinance (Solar):** A copy of the letter Larry compiled on behalf of the board was included in the board packet. Sam Sweeney, Dave Cruickshank and Barbara Boyer reviewed the letter prior to submission.



10) Protected Properties:

- a. **Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):** Mike shared a recent conversation he had with Frank. He and Bridget continue to live on a 14-acre piece of the YOCO property. Mike shared the necessity for a salvage logging operation due to mortality of trees on the top of the property. Frank understood the need for managing that part of the forest and reconfirmed permission for the district to continue using their road, including allowing log trucks during the logging operation.
- b. **Mt. Richmond:** Amie provided Kincaid's lupine seeds to the NRCS Plant Materials Center collected last fall from the Zakocs' Property. The center grew out the plants and had almost 100% success rate. Last week they planted almost 700 plants on the Mt. Richmond Property and will return the last week of March to plant an additional 700 lupine. Mike noted the district will contract with James Riedman to provide mowing services.
- c. **Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:** Mike continues to develop plans for this property and intends to consult with Victor and Theresa for their input. He noted Scotch Broom continues to be a problem on the top of the property; the district will continue spraying at that location.
- d. **Chegwyn Farms:**
 - i. **Walnut Lease Update:** Larry has a party interested in a 10-year lease. The consensus of the board is to have Larry counter with a 5-year lease and to develop a contract that protects the board adequately. Barbara recommended looking at the new OSHA proposal for changes in spraying requirements.
 - ii. **Road Improvements:** The documents have been signed and we are waiting for our attorney, Joe Strunk, to complete paperwork for the storm drainage easement. Mr. Strunk had an accident and has been unavailable.
- e. **Miller Woods:** Mike commended Sonya and the volunteers for their ongoing accomplishments at Miller Woods and for their help at the plant sale. The plant sale clean-up is finished and they are working on completing the grow-out for US Fish & Wildlife Service.
 - i. **Strategic Plan:** Mike will schedule a meeting with the Miller Woods committee next month. They will review the current plan and begin listing updates and changes.
 - ii. **Grant Application:** Rick Thomas will attend a meeting in May to obtain information on available grants.

11) NOXIOUS WEEDS: Mike reported the documents are being signed for the new weed position and he is meeting with the County Roads Department to finalize the details. This new position will concentrate on treating Mouse Ear Hawk Weed and Garlic Mustard. They will target Knotweed in the fall.

12) STAFF REPORTS: There were no comments on Staff Reports.

13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Barbara announced a Tri-State (Oregon, Washington & Idaho) meeting of the Soil & Water Commissions to discuss the Farm Bill and draft changes. The group will meet August 6 - 8 at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center in McMinnville. She also stated the Oregon Board of Agriculture will meet on November 27 - 29, 2018 at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. She would like the district to make a presentation on protected properties.



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- b. Leo Krick announced Oregon State contacted him regarding their 2019 International Agroforestry Conference. They would like to visit his property as part of this conference to learn about his oak management practices.

- c. Gordon Dromgoole shared that other districts question why the Yamhill SWCD opposes solar installations throughout the Lower Willamette Basin. Barbara stated that the district highly supports solar energy, but opposes solar installations on high value farmland.

14) AGENCY REPORTS: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): Thomas announced Sergio has completed his assignment at the Hillsboro NRCS Office. He reported the deadline for EQIP application is Friday and shared that he will be speaking at the Palmer Creek Irrigation District Meeting tomorrow night.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Primozich reported on a trip he made to Washington DC. He was able to hear discussions regarding the new Farm Bill and on issues regarding marijuana. He urged people to let their voice be heard by writing and calling their representatives. He also announced the county has approved to share the Roadside Weed Inventory position with the district.

16) ADJOURNMENT: Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:09 am. A scheduled Executive Session, according to Oregon Revised Statutes 192.610 (2) (e), followed.