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**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 13, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other	Present
Commissioner Primozych	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Luke Westphal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
James Riedman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aiyin Chen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shawn Morford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SWCD/NRCS	Present
Larry Ojua	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sergio Villaseñor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

Late Agenda Items: Solar Facilities on Farmland Discussion

- 2) PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:** The board reviewed the minutes from the June 8, 2016 board meeting. Pat Fitzgerald moved and Sam Sweeney seconded to accept the minutes as presented with a clarification under Truck Purchase specifying the trailer hitch must be a goose neck hitch. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the June 8, 2016 Board Minutes with clarification					
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- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT:** The board reviewed the June Treasurer’s Report. Dave Cruickshank moved and Gordon

Dromgoole seconded to accept the June 8, 2016 Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the June 8, 2016 Treasurer's Report					
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4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** A folder with various newsletters, invitations and publications was circulated.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**

Solar Facilities: Sam will draft a letter expressing the district's concern regarding the placement of new solar facilities on high-value farmland. The letter will be mailed to LCDC, ODA and other agencies. It will be presented at the next board meeting for approval. Barbara shared that other districts are expressing the same concerns. She has reached out to Regional Solutions and has been invited to bring this issue forward at their next meeting.

No-Till Drill: Marie researched and reported the pros and cons of the district purchasing the drill with the intent to rent it out. After a thorough discussion, the consensus of the board was to move forward with Sam, Gordon Cook and Marie gathering more specific information regarding cost and income potential. The group will meet with Larry prior to the next board meeting.

Enhanced CREP – Allan & Lester Sitton; Kathy Magar (Update): Marie shared the grant has been approved and the district is waiting on the state agencies to sign off so the work can begin. The progress will be documented closely, and a drone was sent up to capture the before photos.

OACD Monthly Teleconference Report: Barbara participated in the third teleconference and reported over 23 districts contributed to the discussion. Important updates were followed by an opportunity to share ideas and concerns.

RCPP Update: Amie updated the group on the progress of the spring contracts. She is visiting new properties to evaluate the possibilities for the next round of funding.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

Associate Director Appointment – Ken Nygren: Dave Cruickshank made a motion and Sam Sweeney seconded to appoint Ken Nygren to the position of Associate Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Appoint Ken Nygren to position of Associate Director					
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South Yamhill & Rickreall Water Regulations/Restrictions: Marie reported that June flows are identical to last year and water restrictions for the South Yamhill and Rickreall will most likely be enforced. A joint mailing with Polk SWCD will be going out to water users in those areas alerting them to restriction possibilities. Commissioner Primozich announced the newly hired Assistant Water Master will be reengaging smaller farms and will provide information and education.

Oregon Community Foundation Grant: OWEB and ODA would like to host a listening session regarding the recent Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) meetings. The Oregon Community Foundation has funds available however they do not allow government entities or agencies to apply. The district was asked to submit a grant request to hire an outside facilitator to gather information from the six districts who participated in the SIA meetings. The districts will meet with the facilitator to review the information collected and identify what is working and possible modifications if warranted.

7) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:

Audit Contract – (15/16): Julie presented the new audit contract for the board to approve. It is the same as last year, with a cost of \$7200. Pat Fitzgerald moved and Dave Cruickshank seconded to approve the 2015/2016 audit contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the 2015/2016 audit contract as presented					
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Larry’s Summer Schedule (Return August 8): Larry is on leave until August 8 and will be checking in by email. He provided the staff and board with a list of point people for various projects in his absence.

8) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:

Annual Meeting – Date Proposals: The board chose Wednesday, October 19 for the Annual Dinner at the McMinnville Community Center. Mike suggested a speaker from OSU and will contact him to check on availability.

Yamhill Oak Field Day – June 29: Amie reported on a very successful Oak Tour and the group gained inspiration and motivation after visiting Leo Krick’s Farm. There were many people that registered and did not show up. A suggestion of charging a fee next year will be considered.

9) LAND USE:

Land Use Table: There were no recommendations regarding land use applications.

10) PROTECTED PROPERTIES

Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO) – James has mowed and cleared roads on the YOCO property which provided better access. More mowing and spot spraying will be done when ground nesting season ends.

Muddy Valley – The tenant agreement has been signed and the property is scheduled to close prior to the government fiscal year.

Chegwyn Farms – The pump is ready to go and either Jack Bernards or the district will utilize the water this summer to exercise their water rights for this property.

Miller Woods Update: Mike reported Fish & Wildlife doubled their plant order this year and he has sourced a record 175,000 plants for the Native Plant Sale and other projects.

Mt. Richmond Update: 40-50 acres of hay have been harvested and sold for \$50 a ton. The profits will go into the management fund for this property.

Crown Hill Farm: Barbara reported that a reporter from Capitol Press met with her, Larry and Lucien Gunderman at Crown Hill Farm to conduct an interview for an upcoming article on Easements and Conservation Districts.

James Riedman Appointment Extension: James Riedman’s 30-day appointment is expiring soon and Mike requested extending the contract through October 31, 2016. Sam Sweeney made a motion and Gordon Dromgoole seconded to extend the contract with James Riedman through October 31, 2016 under the same conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record - Approve to extend the contract with James Riedman through October 31, 2016.					
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11) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT:

Weed Watch Sponsor Reports: Sam reported Western Ag has agreed to sponsor the Weed Watch ad by donating \$500. OVS makes these decisions in January and asked the district to provide the request at that time. Barbara will contact the Master Gardeners to suggest they run the Weed Watch ad in their Grapevine newsletter.

12) STAFF REPORTS: Staff reports for Mike and Josh were circulated. Pat complimented Sonya on the overall appearance of Miller Woods.

13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

McMinnville FFA: Mac High School won first place in the FFA Nursery competition and will be going to Indiana in October. They are looking for contributions and Barbara asked that the district consider a donation at the August board meeting. Pat shared that Yamhill won in the Sales Competition and will be heading to Nashville.

Pesticide Database Project: Sam and Marie shared information they received regarding an upcoming pesticide project. The project endeavors to track the final destination of applied chemicals under various conditions. The findings will be uploaded to a database, providing farmers and other interested parties with very useful information.

Weed District Formation: Following a discussion at the Weed Committee meeting on June 8th. Sam reported the group’s interest in researching the formation of a Weed District. He suggested a white paper be written and volunteered to begin collecting the necessary data to make an informed decision.

14) AGENCY REPORTS:

GYWC: Luke updated the board on GYWC summer activities and introduced Shawn Morford, the new Executive Director for the Network of Watershed Councils.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Primozich provided a brief history of the Yamhill County Fair noting that it is the oldest fair in the state. He encouraged everyone to support this event August 3, 4 & 5.

16) ADJOURNMENT: Barbara adjourned the meeting at 9:39 am.