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**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

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
Luke Westphal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SWCD/NRCS	Present
Larry Ojua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julie Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josh Togstad	<input 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"/>
Sergio Villaseñor	<input type="checkbox"/>

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Barbara Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

Late Agenda Items: Added under appropriate sections.

2) **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:** The board reviewed the minutes from the February 8, 2017 board meeting. Sam Sweeney made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gordon Dromgoole then recommended the January board meeting cancellation information be moved to the front page under **CALL TO ORDER**; also to add that Larry administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Boyer. Sam Sweeney withdrew his original motion, then moved and Pat FitzGerald seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the February 8, 2017 Board Minutes as amended.					
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3) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** The board reviewed the February Treasurer’s Report. The board reviewed several items and were satisfied with the explanations. Dave Cruickshank moved and Pat FitzGerald seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the February 2017 Treasurer’s Report

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4) **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW:** Barbara circulated The Industry Report from the State Board of Agriculture and the Historical Society Newsletter. Larry and Pat distributed a summary of bills OACD is tracking.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**

OACD Monthly Teleconference Report: Larry and Pat participated in the call which featured an ODA update presented by John Byers.

Tri-County Meeting: Larry plans to investigate the potential of a multi-district meeting.

ODOT Letter of Support (3-Mile Lane Bridge Project): The board thanked Larry for the excellent letter of support he created on behalf of the district.

County Meeting – Regarding Solar Policy: The board agreed to conduct a smaller meeting with other concerned groups before meeting with the commissioners and county planners.

2017 Native Plant Sale Report: Larry expressed his gratitude to staff and volunteers for the most successful plant sale to date. He estimated there were over 600 people this year and recommended use of a clicker at the door to track attendance. Total sales to date are over \$40,000. The facility and the equipment contributed greatly to the success. He recommended the district donate \$250 to the Heritage Center as a thank you. Pat FitzGerald moved and Leo Krick seconded to donate \$250 to the Heritage Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve a donation of \$250 to the Heritage Center.					
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6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

\$250 Support for Oregon Invasives Hotline. Mike reviewed the benefits of this centralized database and asked the board to provide \$250 financial support. Dave Cruickshank moved and Sam Sweeney seconded to provide \$250 to support the Oregon Invasives Hotline. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve \$250 to support Oregon Invasives Hotline.					
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House Bill 3050 (Email Attachment sent 2/28): The board discussed House Bill 3050 and a copy of the bill was circulated. The board consensus was to follow-up and provide comments.

Summer Ag Institute Planning: The board agreed to provide a 2017 Summer Ag Institute Scholarship. Julie will create a fact sheet and directors and staff will talk personally to teachers and educational groups to obtain a qualified recipient.

OACD Officer Nominations: Barbara stated she would like to see the district nominate Pat FitzGerald for OACD President. The board agreed and Dave Cruickshank moved and Gordon Cook seconded to nominate Pat FitzGerald to the office of President for OACD. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve the district nominating Pat FitzGerald for OACD President.					
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7) **DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:** There were no items to discuss.

8) **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:**

Succession Workshop (4/24): Marie shared that Nellie McAdams, Rogue Farm Corps contacted OSU Extension Services offering to lead a Succession Workshop in Yamhill County. OSU will partner with the district to present the workshop on April 24, 2017. The workshop will be an introduction to succession planning, leading to more in-depth classes in the future.

Ethnobotany Workshop (6/3): Marie announced Polk, Marion and Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Luckiamute and Rickreall Watershed Councils are partnering to present a Native American Ethnobotany Workshop on June 3, 2017. Marion SWCD is covering the facility cost. Marie requested the district provide up to \$150 for speaker fees. Pat FitzGerald moved and Leo Krick seconded to allocate up to \$150 for the speaker honorarium. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote Record – Approve paying up to \$150 towards speaker’s honorarium					
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Earth Day - Update: Julie shared the Earth Day plans are moving forward. The date of the event will be April 22. Head Start of Yamhill County will donate \$500 towards the event again this year.

Woodland Tour – Report/Update: Julie reported three schools have a signed up and most instructors have confirmed their attendance.

CONNECT: The district received a \$1000 scholarship towards registration. CONNECT will be held May 2-4 in Pendleton.

Local Work Group – (Recap): Thomas provided a follow-up from the Local Work Group Meeting and discussed barriers the community perceives in USDA Farm Bill Programs.

9) LAND USE: Land Use Table: There were no official comments from the district.

Solar Installation in Sheridan: Sam expressed concern regarding a solar installation on forest land in Sheridan. Amie noted the State Board of Forestry is following these applications closely. The district will speak with Jim Johnson regarding this issue.

10) PROTECTED PROPERTIES

Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO): Larry and Mike met with Frank Fromherz. He expressed concern regarding the future preservation of a neighboring property. He asked if the district could possibly acquire the parcel to protect it. Owen Wozniak, Trust for Public Land will look into financing opportunities. Larry will check land use rules with the county planning department.

Mt. Richmond Update: Mike will be planting trees at the entrance to the property. He will be working with Josh's CREP crew to plant this area as their time allows. Larry met with Norvella and they spoke briefly about her succession plans for the property.

Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve: Mike is making plans to repair the dam in July. Amie is getting permission from BPA to proceed with the repair.

Chegwyn Farms Update: Larry met with Jack Bernards regarding Charlie's concern about a wet area across the street from his residence. Larry and Jack will look at the area when it dries out.

Miller Woods Update: Mike reported the grow-out has gone very well and planting is 93% complete. Jackson Family Vineyard staff provided service days and they did a great job.

The nursery building is complete except for siding which will be added later this summer. It is a welcome addition. Besides offering shelter, there is more room for the planting processes which were much more organized and therefore faster.

Miller Woods Trail Race: Mike provided an update on the proposed trail race with the Give a Little Foundation based on questions from the last board meeting. Mike and Sonya are attending a planning meeting which will be held April 1. Mike will follow-up with more information and present an action item at the April board meeting.

11) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT: Mike will be focusing on Garlic Mustard Outreach, during May, which will include scouting and spraying.

12) STAFF REPORTS: Staff reports for Marie, Sonya and Larry were distributed.

13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Barbara met with the new Oregon Department of Ag Director, Alexis Taylor, at a recent Board of Ag meeting in Salem. A welcome letter will be sent, on behalf of the district, to Alexis Taylor, welcoming and sharing local & current concerns.

Barbara reported on the devastating conditions, due to severe winter storms, suffered by communities of Malheur and adjacent counties. The tri-county area is a federally designated disaster area. The area is faced with the aftermath of cleanup and removal of collapsed buildings and agriculture income losses. Assistance has been approved for the local Ag industry.

Sam circulated an updated version of suggested points of discussion to share with the commissioners and county planners regarding solar facilities and land use.

14) AGENCY REPORTS:

GYWC: Luke reported the council is at the end of its five-year plan; he will spend this year soliciting input from stakeholders and partners to obtain their vision for the council.

NRCS: Thomas shared the EQIP contracts have been received and they are in the process of completing and finalizing them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

15) ADJOURNMENT: Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am.