



**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

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

APPROVED

Date: August 15, 2018

Authorized Signature:

DIRECTORS:	Present	OTHER/GUESTS:	Present	SWCD:	Present
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stan Primozech	<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"/>	Ximena Orrego	<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"/>	<b>NRCS:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Crabtree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Hoskins	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sergio Villaseñor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Justin Cooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & LATE AGENDA ITEMS:** Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.
- 2) BOARD MINUTES: ACTION** The board reviewed the minutes from the June 13, 2018 board meeting. Pat FitzGerald moved and Leo Krick seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the June 13, 2018 Board Minutes.					
	DIRECTOR	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
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- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT:** The board reviewed the June 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 June 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:** Partner publications, minutes and miscellaneous correspondence were circulated.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Teleconference:**

- Pat shared the highlights of the teleconference. Heather McGinnis reported the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Technical Assistance grants will be available to districts in August. They



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are being rolled out by Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). The purpose of the funds is to provide district staff assistance to help the NRCS backlog.

- ii. Pat shared highlights from a recent joint meeting of the OWEB board and their Washington State counterpart. They discussed ways to prevent the Northern pike, a predator of Salmon, from migrating into Oregon waterways through the Grand Coulee Dam. OWEB’s recently approved strategic plan includes \$220 million in salmon recovery funds. OWEB reported the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission formulated a formal budget request for 10 million dollars, of which, \$ 750,000 will be allocated to administration costs. Public comments for the proposed budget are due July 31 and Barbara offered to forward the 67-page proposal to board members for their review. She shared the Board of Ag will be commenting, however they only meet every three months.
  - iii. Pat explained the decision for the resignation of John Keith, OACD Executive Director, are based on his analysis for the job requirements. John shared the requirements of the position and capacity to perform the tasks effectively are much greater than one person can manage. However, negotiations are in process to retain John’s services in a different capacity.
- b. **Annual Meeting Speaker – November 7, 2018:** Marie reached out to Kathie Dello, Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) Associate Director and Deputy Director, Oregon Climate Service. Kathie agreed to be the featured speaker at the annual dinner. The board would like to help guide her presentation to keep it relevant to the surrounding area and issues affecting Yamhill County.
  - c. **Conservation Awards –Updates and Advertising:** Julie announced an ad soliciting nominations ran in the News Register and in the Roots to Roof publication. Mary will be sending out the information to various media sources.
  - d. **Tri-State Conservation Commission Lunch RSVP:** Barbara invited the board to the luncheon for the Tri-State Conservation Commission on August 8 at Miller Woods. She requested their responses no later than July 25.

**6) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Annual Work Plan:** Larry reviewed the Annual Work Plan and noted that it was emailed to board members and is included in the board packet. There were no comments from the board. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Gordon Cook seconded to approve the Annual Work Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve Annual Work Plan					
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- b. **Board of Agriculture Solar Letter to Land Conservation & Development Commission (LCDC):** Barbara referenced the Oregon State Board of Agriculture’s Solar letter included in the board packets sent to LCDC. She announced they are planning to pass a temporary rule at their next board meeting. Barbara will be attending that meeting scheduled for the end of July. The new Yamhill County ordinance relating to solar facilities goes into effect August 2, 2018.



**7) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:**

- a. **Date Timeline for Director Elections:** Julie reported, the required public announcement concerning board election positions and information, is in the July 10 edition of the News Register. The timeline and checklist for director application processes is in the board packets. Julie also distributed application packets to board members whose terms expire December 31, 2018.
- b. **Employee Reviews - Report:** Barbara announced the staff reviews were conducted. The committee will present their recommendations during the executive session following the board meeting today.
- c. **Dodge Repairs-Update:** Larry reported the Dodge is in the shop and repairs should be completed by next week.

**8) EDUCATION & OUTREACH:**

- a. **Beneficial Habitat Field Day-Report:** Marie shared 48 people attended the Beneficial Habitat Field Day on June 20 at Michael O’Loughlin’s property. Entomologists from Oregon State Extension Service and ODA were there along with representatives of the Xerces Society and Oregon Bee Project.
- b. **Harvest Festival August 18 (10-4) & 19 (Noon-4):** Mary announced the Harvest Festival at the Heritage Museum is scheduled for August 18 & 19. Mary will host the district booth and invited board members to participate. Dave reported they have added some new elements to the festivities this year.

**9) Land Use:**

a. **Land Use Table:**

- i. Docket SDR-29-18 and SDR-30-18: The board discussed the marijuana processing plant applications and the adverse effect they could have on water quality and quantity. Commissioner Primozych shared there are mandates at the state level addressing water sources and disposal of water used in processing marijuana plants. The board felt it appropriate to reiterate their concern in a letter. Sam Sweeney moved, and Dave Cruickshank seconded to send a letter expressing concern for potential ag water quality and quantity issues relating to marijuana processing plants. The motion passed unanimously. Sam will assist Larry with these letters.

ii.

VOTE RECORD: Approve Sending a Letter Expressing Concerns for Ag Water Quality & Quantity for processing marijuana plants.					
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- iii. Response to Docket SDR-37-17 Letter: The letter was included in the packet.
- iv. Replacement of previous motion on June 13 minutes: **Solar Applications: Chair authorized to submit comments.** It was suggested the motion be modified from prime soils to Class 1-4 soil. Gordon Cook moved, and Sam Sweeney seconded to replace previous verbiage with “The Board authorizes Barbara Boyer to respond to solar applications on Class 1 – 4 soils with deadlines before the upcoming board



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meeting. Messaging and suggestions will be consistent with previously approved letters by the board”. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approved changing verbiage to Class 1-4 soils when responding to Solar Applications					
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**10) Protected Properties:**

- a. **Yamaha Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):** Mike reported spraying has been completed for the spring and summer. Three culverts need to be replaced along the road. Mike obtained a land use agreement required by Bonneville Power Administration and can now proceed. Mowing is planned after July 15 when ground bird nesting is over. A prescribed burn is still planned by US Fish & Wildlife (USFW). The soonest they will have time is the fall, if they are not called away to fight wildfires. Mike explained this, and follow-up burns, is part of the property maintenance plan.
- b. **Mt. Richmond:** Mike announced spraying has been completed for the summer. He is finishing up requirements for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) contract. He will be using Miller Woods nursery stock to plant areas according to the RCP management plan. Mike shared they might apply for another RCP grant for Mt. Richmond property.
- c. **Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:** Mike and his crew have been spot spraying for Scotch broom, Canadian thistle and blackberry. Mike hired Habitat Restoration to conduct some broadcast spraying, and reported they did a good job. He has performed some spraying due to the sensitivity of the wildlife habitat and wants to find alternate ways to mow safely around the ponds. Mike built two new basking structures for the turtles, and with the help of Victor, installed them in the ponds.
- d. **Chegwyn Farms:** Mike mowed the homestead walnut orchard and will be doing some spot spraying. The district loaned Charlie a four-wheeler to improve his mobility around the property.
- e. **Miller Woods:**
  - i. **House Plumbing Update:** The house has been re-plumbed which greatly improved water pressure and quality. A sink will be installed in the conference kitchen area.
  - ii. **Cougar Siting:** There was a cougar siting at Miller Woods. It followed a group on the trail. Larry interviewed the leader of the group and the appropriate authorities came out with a trained dog. The dog did not pick up a scent in the areas it searched. Miller Woods was closed for the day. Sonya posted signs for visitors to be aware and Instructions on what to do if you see a cougar. The board was comfortable with the steps taken by Larry and the district staff.
  - iii. **Grain Station Brew Works Fundraiser:** Marie reported the June 28<sup>th</sup> event was well attended. Julie stated \$700 in donations and approximately \$100 profit from the sale of hats and t-shirts were received from the Grain Station event. As part of their offer, the Grain Station will send a percentage donation for all “Doug” Beer sales.



**11) NOXIOUS WEEDS:**

- a. **Weed Meeting Report:** The Yamhill County Annual Weed Meeting was held on June 13. Mike provided a report of the meeting and an updated Noxious Weed list is available on the district website.
- b. **Justin Update:** Justin announced training for the interns is almost complete and he is pleased with the outcome. They are funded by Yamhill County Public Works and are concentrating on mapping erosion areas. If they see noxious weeds in those areas, they will map them at the same time. Justin has surveyed 60 - 70 miles of county roads and now has a good idea of which areas will benefit from spraying and can be controlled. He feels confident Italian thistle, mouse-ear hawkweed, garlic mustard and knapweed are still able to be contained in Yamhill County.

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

**13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

- a. Barbara was invited to attend an Environmental Quality Commission meeting on Thursday in Portland with ODA. She will be on a panel, along with Director Taylor and other ODA partners, to discuss the Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) process. They are seeking updated information on ag water quality.
- b. Sam and Marie reported on a recent Oregon Environmental Council meeting held at Sam's house. They discussed common water policy issues and possible solutions. Larry provided Marie with a contact from the Oregon Environmental Council. They have a potential grantor from Intel interested in providing technology for use in agriculture. Marie will continue to work with them as things move forward.

**14) AGENCY REPORTS:** There were no agency reports.

**15) PUBLIC COMMENT:** Commissioner Primozich presented a brief overview of the celebration at the Heritage Center of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yamhill County. He provided notable facts on the county's importance in Oregon history. He shared the county is in the process of paving and overlaying 37 miles of road.

**16) ADJOURNMENT:** Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 8:51 am.