



APPROVED

DIRECTORS:	Present	OTHER/GUESTS:	Present	SWCD:	Present
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stan Primozych	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Ojua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke Westphal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nygren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Togstad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Marie Vicksta	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRCS:		Mike Crabtree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input 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"/>
		Cheyenne Rico	<input checked="" 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. The **Nut Growers Society Summer Tour & Trade Show** was added to **Education & Outreach**.
- 2) BOARD MINUTES: ACTION** The board reviewed the minutes from the July 11, 2018 board meeting. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Sam Sweeney seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the July 11, 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Leo Krick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT:** The board reviewed the July Treasurer’s Report. Sam Sweeney moved, and Pat FitzGerald seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve July 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"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Amended	Gordon Cook	<input 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	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 4) REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE:** Miscellaneous industry newsletters, minutes, and invitations were circulated.
- 5) OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Teleconference:** Pat announced the Oregon Association of Conservation District’s (OACD) Workshop will be held in Newport on November 14 – 15, at the Best Western Agate Beach. It is the 70th Anniversary of OACD. A thorough review of goals and basin structure will be included in the program. Pat shared that OACD is working with the Department of Justice to determine the



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constitutionality of a district paying dues to other non-profit organizations. Larry suggested working with other districts to gather information and Barbara recommended they contact Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). Both sources would be free of charge.

- b. Time Extension on Oregon Agricultural (Ag) Heritage Program:** Barbara reported the Board of Ag has extended the comment period to October 5. The Board of Ag would like all Oregon Soil & Water Conservation Districts to read and comment on this proposal. Barbara will invite Nellie McAdams to attend the September board meeting. She will explain the proposal more clearly and answer questions. Sam suggested they organize public informational meetings throughout the state. Barbara will look into that.
- c. Annual Meeting - Updates:** There were no updates.
- d. Conservation Awards – Committee Meeting Date:** Mary shared the Newberg Graphic and News Register published a request for nominations articles. An email request was sent out to several key people and organizations. Julie has yet to receive any nominations. Barbara will contact the members of the Awards Committee to plan a September meeting. Julie will email Barbara the names of the committee members.
- e. Temporary Rules Adoption Notice for Solar and Power Generation on Farmland:** Barbara reviewed the Temporary Rules Adoption Notice for Solar and Power Generation on high value farmland over 12 acres. Barbara is hopeful during this 180 day moratorium LCDC will address the conditional use permitting of solar on the 12 acre exception.

6) Tri-State Conservation Commission Visit - Report: Barbara shared the Tri-State Conservation Commission 2-day gathering was very successful. She complimented the Heritage Center on providing a perfect venue for a meeting. Commissioner Primozich commended Larry on his presentation, which showcased the district’s many accomplishments. Pat enjoyed engaging with other states and complimented the presentation of the Key Note Speaker. The group conducted a morning session, on the second day of their visit, in the Miller Woods Conference Room. This was followed by lunch and a short tour of the nursery and property.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Clean Water Services:** Larry discussed the ongoing communications with Clean Water Services. They have expressed interest in partnering with the district and offering increased Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) landowner incentives. This offer is for properties draining into the Tualatin River. Gordon Dromgoole moved, and Sam Sweeney seconded to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Clean Water Services and move forward with this project. The motion passed unanimously. Larry and Josh will provide the board with maps and more information at an upcoming board meeting.

VOTE RECORD: Approve MOU to move forward with Clean Water Services					
	DIRECTOR	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
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- b. A Secure Water Future for Oregonians – (Program Draft Proposal):** Barbara received a Draft Proposal from the Governor’s Natural Resource Office titled “Preparing a Secure & Resilient Water Future for All



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Oregonians: The need for a 100-year investment program for generations to come.” The proposal was included in the board packets.

- c. **Review Transfer Agreement for Proposed Properties:** Larry announced this topic will be discussed in an executive session following today’s board meeting.

8) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:

- a. **Staffing Update:** Larry shared that Mary King will be leaving the district April 1, 2019. Larry thanked her for her service and for working through the next plant sale. The timeline is intended to provide sufficient time to train a replacement.
- b. **Audit Date Change (September 12 & 13):** The audit date has been rescheduled for September 12 & 13. Julie will not be attending the Board Meeting on September 12 due to her participation in the audit.

9) EDUCATION & OUTREACH:

- a. **Septic & Well Management Classes – October 23:** Marie and Luke have partnered with OSU Extension to host two Septic and Well Management Classes, both scheduled on October 23. The first class will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the West Valley Community Campus in Willamina. The second class will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Chemeketa Community College in McMinnville. Chrissy Lucas, Small Farms/Ground Water Quality Outreach Program Coordinator of OSU Extension, will be the presenter.
- b. **Harvest Festival August 18 (10-4) & 19 (Noon-4):** Mary and Sam will host the district booth at the Harvest Festival. Dave announced they will be showing the harvesting steps from start to finish this year.
- c. **Nut Growers Society Summer Tour & Trade Show – August 9:** Sergio provided information and photos on the Soil Health Demonstration Marie coordinated for the event. She was not able to attend, therefore Sergio headed the event. The attendees found the information very helpful.

10) Land Use:

- a. **Land Use Table:**
 - i. Larry suggested responding to two new solar applications: C-14-18/SDR-20-18 located at 14301 SE Eola Village Rd in McMinnville and C-12-18/SDR-18-18 located at 21086 Hwy 99W in Dundee. The board concurred.
 - ii. Responses to Dockets SDR-29 & 30 – 18 Letter: The letters sent in response to the two separate Marijuana Processing Plant requests were included in the packets. The board was satisfied with the content of these letters.

11) Protected Properties:

- a. **Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):** Mike reported Upshot Services, LLC (Upshot) has completed spraying. The fence between the district property and the neighbor’s is failing. Branches drop on the fence and create an opening for the neighboring cattle to come through. Upshot is trimming limbs along the fence line, creating a buffer between the fence and the trees. Mike announced mowing on all properties is delayed until a substitute mower can be found. Gordon Cook has been mowing the properties and is recuperating from a back injury.
- b. **Mt. Richmond:** Mike will coordinate a planting in the fall.



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- c. **Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:** Mike received a complaint from a neighboring landowner. The elk herd is going into the neighbor's yard and eating their plants. The group discussed the impacts of wildlife on rural property.

- d. **Chegwyn Farms:**
 - i. Mike announced Jack Bernards and TJ Schmidt have offered to set up irrigation equipment allowing the district to exercise its water rights for this property next year.
 - ii. Larry reported he and Sam were able to connect with Larry Christensen to discuss the three acre parcel across from Grandhaven School. Larry C. has been taking care of that property through an arrangement with Charlie Chegwyn. That arrangement has ended contractually. Larry asked the board for a timeline of when they anticipate selling or trading this property. The board decided to have Sam contact Larry C. and ascertain his preferences for future use prior to composing a contract/acknowledgment letter.

- e. **Miller Woods:**
 - i. **Irrigation System** – Mike reported the new irrigation system is fully installed and is more efficient in every way. Fertilizer can be applied automatically which saves on product costs. Joe Chaffin, Miller Woods volunteer, constructed an overhang to protect the system from the elements. Larry suggested Board Members take a tour when time permits. The system installation included preparation for the two new pads scheduled to be installed in the near future.
 - ii. **Grain Station Fundraiser – Donation Received:** The district received an additional check for \$500 from the proceeds of "Doug" beer.

12) NOXIOUS WEEDS:

- a. **Weed Committee Meeting Minutes:** The Weed Committee meeting minutes and the updated noxious weed list have been sent to the Yamhill County Commissioners. They were included in the board packet and posted on the district website.

- b. **Knotweed Update:** Mike will be assisting Justin with spraying knotweed in targeted areas throughout the county.

- c. **Invasive Weed Update:** Justin informed ODOT of knapweed found on Hwy 219 in Newberg. They are required to control this invasive weed on roadsides and should be out spraying soon. He continues to follow up on the mouse-ear hawkweed found in the Gopher Valley area. He noted false brome is expanding on the Trappist Abbey trails and received a commitment from Trout Mountain Management to treat the trails to restrict the spread of weeds by hikers.

13) STAFF REPORTS: Mike's staff report was circulated.

14) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Dave shared his well water is declining. Sam and others believe the practice of tiling does not allow the ground water to seep through and could be a major contributor to the decline in ground water.

AGENCY REPORTS:

- a. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Thomas and Sergio were unable to attend the meeting.



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- b. Greater Yamhill Watershed Council (GYWC):** Luke announced the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is partnering with the GYWC to clean up an area on Gooseneck Creek Road in Polk County. The public has been using this area for target shooting for years and has abused the land by shooting down trees and leaving enormous amounts of trash. He continues to work on the Cozine Project and hopes to receive additional grant money for the project.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

16) ADJOURNMENT: Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:06 am.