



Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Board Meeting Minutes

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

Date: _____ Authorized Signature: _____ **APPROVED**

DIRECTORS:	Present	OTHER/GUESTS:	Present	SWCD:	Present
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nygren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Ojua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ximena Orrego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Josh Togstad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRCS:		Marie Vicksta	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Hoskins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Crabtree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Mary King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Justin Cooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & LATE AGENDA ITEMS:** Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.
- 2) BOARD MINUTES: ACTION** The board reviewed the minutes from the September 12, 2018 board meeting. Dave Cruickshank moved, and Pat FitzGerald seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the September 12, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Leo Krick arrived after the vote	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT:** The board reviewed the September 2018 Treasurer’s Report. Sam Sweeney moved, and Gordon Dromgoole seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve September 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Leo Krick	<input checked="" 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, publications and minutes were circulated.
- 5) OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Gordon Cook Update:** Larry shared Gordon Cook’s surgery went well and he hopes to be back working soon.
 - b. Yamhill Oaks Complex Tour Following Today’s Meeting:** Larry announced the tour is planned for after the board meeting. The group will meet at the district office and car pool.



- c. **Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Teleconference:** Pat and Larry were present during the teleconference. OACD asked those attending the meeting November 14 & 15 to please register. The meeting will be held in Agate Beach and many important decisions will be made during these sessions.
- d. **OACD Meeting & Survey:** Larry reported emailing the OACD Survey to board members and encouraged them to return the survey to OACD prior to the conference. Basin structure modifications will be a key topic. Designating district staff to vote on behalf of the districts will be discussed.
- e. **Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program - Comments Submitted:** Sam, Leo, Larry and Barbara met to summarize comments on behalf of the board. The comments were reduced to one page and Barbara circulated the document to board members. The board agreed with the comments and the suggestions.
- f. **Annual Meeting Speaker:** Julie announced Dr. Philip Mote, Director of Oregon Climate Services at Oregon State University (OSU) has agreed to speak at the annual meeting. The title of his presentation will be "Climate Variability and Change in Oregon." Julie provided invitations to board members.
- g. **Conservation Awards Committee:** Dave, Leo, Barbara, Larry and Julie met to select the conservation award winners. They recommended:
 - George E. Otte Award – Super Natural Farms
 - Frieda L. Miller Conservation Education Award - Yamhill County Master Gardeners
 - Special Volunteer Recognition Award – Jackson Family Wines

The board concurred with their choices.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Natural Connections Dissolution:** Larry shared Natural Connections (NC) has been dissolved. It was originally organized as an entity to solicit grant funds for Miller Woods. However, it has been challenging to keep a full board of directors. The board members approved dissolution last spring, which was subsequently approved by the State of Oregon. Funds in the Natural Connections account will be deposited to the Miller Woods fund and used for restrooms. Friends of Miller Woods was formed to accommodate future memberships and donations.
- b. **2019 Oregon Invasive Species Council Request:** Larry referenced a handout in the board packet from the Oregon Invasive Species Council. They are seeking nominations for five council seats.
- c. **Updates on Documents Related to Proposed Land Transfer:** Larry reviewed the progress of the transfer agreement. He updated the board and shared the anticipated costs for house and septic drain repairs.

7) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:

- a. **Property Transfer: Appoint Board member to committee:** Barbara asked for a board member to meet with Larry and her to discuss options for trustees to manage stewardship funds. Gordon Dromgoole volunteered to meet with them. Larry will conduct a conference call with the district accountant to receive guidance on options to consider. The district is looking at options that include trust banks, foundations, or a possible arrangement with the county.
- b. **Rate Change at LGIP: 2.25% to 2.50%:** Larry reported the LGIP rate went up from 2.20% to 2.50%.
- c. **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Meeting:** Larry and Barbara announced they will be making a presentation on the property transfer at the OWEB meeting in Gold Beach. OWEB needs to approve the transfer since they have a past investment in the property purchase. The meeting will also allow an opportunity for discussion and questions.



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8) EDUCATION & OUTREACH:

- a. **Septic & Well Management Classes – October 23:** Marie announced a Septic and Well Class on October 23 will be presented at two locations. A flyer was circulated.

9) Land Use:

- a. **Land Use Table:** There were no suggestions or comments on applications.
 - i. A copy of the district response regarding a solar installation at 13395 NE Rowland in Carlton was included in the board packet.

10) Protected Properties: Mike presented the board with a packet of information detailing the five-year plan for each protected property. He asked the board to review the information and a detailed discussion will ensue at the next board meeting. The board was very impressed with the work and detail Mike prepared for each property.

- a. **Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):** Mike reported the neighbor's cows continue to breach the fence and come onto YOCO property. The fence needs to be repaired and he is working with the landowner to find a solution. The prescribed burn on this property may not occur this year. The crew has been busy working on wildfires all summer.
- b. **Mt. Richmond:** Mike will be finishing up the RCPP contract work. He will be utilizing the no-till drill to plant Roemer's fescue. He will then plant 3000 forbs.
- c. **Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:** Mike and contractors have finished up mowing this property and will wait until spring to spray.
- d. **Chegwyn Farms:** Mike announced Jack Bernards will mow and spray around the field edges.
- e. **Miller Woods:** The "Run the Woods" Race will be held on Saturday, October 13. Proceeds for the race benefit Miller Woods and the Give a Little Foundation. The weather should be perfect.

11) NOXIOUS WEEDS: Justin reported visiting 35 knotweed sites and is attempting to contact the owners to receive permission to spray. He discovered meadow knapweed in north Newberg and is beginning communication with the county to see if they will spray these areas. If not, he recommends the district spray them. Clarification regarding the county and district spray responsibilities will be discussed at the next roadside vegetation committee meeting. Thomas suggested having a weed class for property owners in the area on identification and control of knapweed.

12) STAFF REPORTS: Larry announced Marie has been busy with straw mulching. The no-till drill is being utilized too. The need for a second truck is necessary and Larry reported the county has offered to loan the district a vehicle.

13) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Barbara circulated a report on the devastation of the recent fires in Oregon.

14) AGENCY REPORTS:

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): Thomas reported NRCS is assisting landowners with Farm Bill project implementation. Practices include; drip irrigation, cover crops, mulching, and high tunnel installation. He stated all practices must have a cultural resource survey, a threatened and endangered species plant survey, and engineering plans produced prior to implementation. The NRCS staff is meeting with new applicants and accepting applications for 2019 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

16) ADJOURNMENT: Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.