

Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Board Meeting Minutes

* BOARD MEETING BY TELEPHONE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

Date: _____ Authorized Signature: *Barbara Boyer*

DIRECTORS:	Present	PARTNERS/GUESTS:	Present	SWCD/NRCS:	Present
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luke Westphal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Ojua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Casey Kulla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Schwister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zach Christensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Togstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kendra Hutchinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Nasman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRCS:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ximena Orrego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Hoskins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonya Wilkerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sergio Villaseñor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

1) CALL TO ORDER & LATE AGENDA ITEMS: Barbara Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Note: Today’s meeting did not convene in a public setting but was held by telephone and video conference call. Information and access codes were provided in advance; on the district’s website, the local newspaper (News Register) and sent with board packets to the district’s distribution list.

2) Election of 2022 District Officers – ACTION:

Barbara Boyer opened nominations for board Chair. Dave Cruickshank moved, and Ximena Orrego seconded a nomination of Barbara Boyer for Chair. With no other nominations, Barbara closed nominations. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Leo Krick seconded a motion to elect Barbara Boyer as the 2022 board Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve Barbara Boyer as the 2022 board Chair.					
	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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	Ximena Orrego	<input checked="" 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"/>

Barbara Boyer opened nominations for board Vice Chair. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Leo Krick seconded a nomination of Dave Cruickshank for Vice Chair. With no other nominations, Barbara closed nominations. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Ximena Orrego seconded a motion to elect Dave Cruickshank as the 2022 board Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve Dave Cruickshank as the 2022 board Vice Chair.					
	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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	Ximena Orrego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Barbara Boyer opened nominations for Treasurer. Ximena Orrego moved, and Leo Krick seconded a nomination of Pat FitzGerald for Treasurer. With no other nominations, Barbara closed nominations. Ximena Orrego moved, and Leo Krick seconded a motion to elect Pat FitzGerald as the 2022 board Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve Pat FitzGerald as the 2022 board Treasurer.					
	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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	Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barbara Boyer opened nominations for Secretary. Ximena Orrego moved, and Sam Sweeney seconded a nomination of Leo Krick for Secretary. With no other nominations, Barbara closed nominations. Ximena Orrego moved, and Dave Cruickshank seconded a motion to elect Leo Krick as the 2022 board Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve Leo Krick as the 2022 board Secretary.					
	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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3) BOARD MINUTES: The board reviewed the minutes from the December 2021 board meeting. Ximena noted a change needed on page 3 under Land Use and proposed amended language and clarification for the minutes. The group concurred with the proposed change, which will be incorporated into the final minutes with board approval. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Dave Cruickshank seconded a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the December 2021 Board Minutes as amended.					
	DIRECTOR	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4) YAMHILL VALLEY HERITAGE CENTER DONATION 2022: Barbara asked the board to address a \$1,000 proposed donation to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center for 2022, which was previously discussed, but no official action had been taken. The staff had prepared a check for the donation but held it until the board could take formal action. Barbara requested action on the donation so the December Treasurer’s report could be reviewed and approved with the donation



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check included. Leo Krick moved, and Pat FitzGerald seconded a motion to donate \$1,000. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the December 2022 Donation to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.					
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	Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5) TREASURER’S REPORT: The board reviewed the December 2021 Treasurer’s Report. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Ximena Orrego seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the December 2021 Treasurer’s Report as presented.					
	DIRECTOR	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
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6) REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to discuss. Staff will bring any significant correspondence or information, to the board’s attention, as appropriate.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

a. Local Advisory Committee Meeting

Sam Sweeney discussed the upcoming meeting schedule on January 27th, 2022, at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, hosted via Zoom. He inquired about the meeting Zoom link being shared, potentially on the SWCD website. This will be provided as part of the district’s outreach. Larry Ojua commented on Yamhill County Public Works involvement in the meeting.

b. WWMP Updates: Seven H, Dupee Valley & Cherryhill Ranch

Larry and Amie updated the board on the Seven-H and Dupee Valley projects. The Seven-H project closed on December 22, 2022. At closing the district received \$531,068 for stewardship, \$11,870 for reimbursement of the survey work, and \$22,550 for reimbursement of the appraisal. The Dupee Valley Reserve Project did not close in 2021 but will close in February or March 2022. Amie and Larry are working with Bonneville Power Administration to complete the final tasks needed to allow this project to move to closing, which is anticipated in February or March. Larry thanked Amie for her work on the project and help to move the project to the closing phase.



c. Local Work Group Meeting

Thomas commented that the Local Work Group Meeting is scheduled for February 9th following the monthly board meeting hosted via Zoom. Notice of the meeting and Zoom information is being published in The Bulletin, The News Register, and the Capital Press this week.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a. McMinnville Area Community Foundation Disbursement

Barbara discussed the option of taking/passing on an annual distribution from the McMinnville Area Community Foundation. Larry recommended the district take the disbursement as the fund performance numbers reported from the Foundation were positive and a distribution would not negatively impact the fund. Ximena Orrego moved, and Pat Fitzgerald seconded a motion to take the disbursement for 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Take disbursement from McMinnville Area Community Foundation for 2022.					
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b. Native Plant Sale

Josh updated the board on the Native Plant Sale. The website went live the week of January 1st. We are approaching 250 orders. That’s nearly double the orders we had at this time a year ago. We would like to have about 450 total orders, so we aren’t left with too much remaining plant stock for day of sale days. We are already sold out of noble fir and a handful of understory species. Volunteer recruitment is going well. 80% of volunteer spots are filled. Sign up is being completed through our website. You can sign up under the get involved and volunteer opportunities tabs. This year we will be using square to take payment in combination with a tablet or phone. Square charges a percentage of the sale but no more than stripe which is what we have used in the past. We will have a new color-coded day of sale form that should make checkout go quickly.

c. Greater Yamhill Watershed Council Donation Request

A \$2,000 Donation Request by the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council (GYWC) was reviewed. The district has contributed to the GYWC in the past. Larry recommended the donation approval. Pat FitzGerald moved, and Dave Cruickshank seconded a motion to approve the \$2,000 donation for 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve donation to the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council for 2022.					
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	Ximena Orrego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:

a. Covid Update

Thomas reported that NRCS guidance would likely drop office-staffing allowance to 25% within the week due to rising Covid cases. No appointments would be held in office and the use of the conference room for meetings would be limited.

*Attendance Note: Zach Christensen joined the meeting via Zoom link.

b. Chamber of Commerce Membership

Larry recommended that the board postpone deciding on Chamber of Commerce Membership until membership dues were determined. Barbara agreed and stated that she would like to see a list of all current memberships for future reference. This will be reviewed at the February 9, board meeting.

c. 2022 Board Committee Assignments and Appointments

Barbara requested the board review the attached Committee Assignment and Appointments report before the February board meeting. Larry and Allison will update the report and send it to board members for their review in advance of the February board meeting.

10) EDUCATION & OUTREACH:

a. No Till Drill Program Updates

Keith reported on his meeting with a committee (Barbara, Dave, Gordon, and Larry) to review the No-Till Drill Program. He provided the following update and recommendations:

- Change the \$250 rental rate to a minimum with \$15/acre (16 acres breakeven)
- Add an out of county rate of \$300 minimum with \$15/acre
- No longer require a driver’s license as part of the application
- Communicate a preference of a credit card for the cleaning deposit, but still accept check
- Stored the drill at Chegwyn farm
- Prepare an annual report for the board (Nov/Dec meeting) to include Metrics: # of uses, # of acres, income generated, summary of income, costs, and net income, review of program and opportunities for improvement.

Leo Krick questioned not requiring a driver’s license in the rental application. Barbara stated that the credit card information given would be sufficient. Larry agreed and added that the certificate of insurance held would also provide security to the drill rental process. Dave Cruickshank moved, and Leo Krick seconded a motion to approve the program updates and committee recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.



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VOTE RECORD: Approve updates and committee recommendations to the No-Till Drill Program.					
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b. Wildfire Prevention Workshop Update

Keith reported that the location for the Dundee workshop on April 16, 2022, and Carlton workshop on May 7, 2022, have been secured. He will be checking with the tribe for the Grande Ronde location for the April 30, 2022, workshop. Keith was planning outreach to presenters and determining how many speakers would be needed for each workshop. Larry added that a calendar with dates of the events should be posted on the district website.

11) LAND USE:

a. Land Use Table:

Larry reviewed the land use table and noted that a letter had been drafted to the planning department for one land application # 972.

Casey Kulla expressed his gratitude for the work being done to host the Wildfire Prevention Workshops. He thanked Amie for her oak and savannah work. He also relayed that a member of the Board of Forestry expressed their appreciation for the district’s work.

12) DISTRICT MANAGED PROPERTIES:

a. Chegwyn Farms:

Josh continues to monitor trail cameras on the property for trespassing. No more trespassing has been observed. Josh looked at the former homeless site and it remains unoccupied and clean. Betty Chegwyn paid a tree company to remove the large cedar tree on the right/north side of the house. A loaded limb broke one of the home windows during tree removal. Roy boarded up the window immediately and tree company plans to replace the window.

b. Yamhill Oaks - Masonville & Gopher Valley:

i. Masonville:

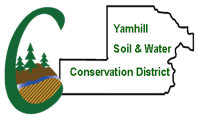
Josh had no news to report on Masonville.

ii. Gopher Valley:

Josh had no news to report on Gopher Valley. Larry talked about the great job Amie did speaking on a video produced by ODFW relating to the Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve.

c. Miller Woods:

Sonya reported the following on Miller Woods:



Plant Sale: Volunteer recruitment is going well. As of today 81%, of the slots have been filled by staff and volunteers. This year the District is using a website that allows volunteers to sign up for shifts. Those that do not use computers have been telephoned and signed up by staff.

Nursery: Working with OSU Plant Clinic, ODA and ODF to determine cause of willow die off in nursery and in cutting blocks. Additional samples were requested and mailed this week.

Pond: Otter pond has maintained an acceptable level since Josh installed the fencing around the drainage outlet. It appears that the beaver has vacated the pond. This summer both outlets will require work.

Storm Damage: Many trees and branches came down with the excessive rain, wind, and heavy snow. All hanging branches and limbs have been removed. Volunteers are chipping smaller material and will store larger logs for future use. Josh contracted with A&R Tree Service to drop an approximately 16-inch diameter Douglas fir tree that was hung up on a nearby spruce tree. There was concern that high winds could cause the tree to fall on the conference room. The company was able to slowly cut and drop small sections of the tree to eliminate risk to the conference room. Once clear of the conference room the remainder of the tree was cut.

In response to a board member's question, it was stated that Miller Woods is extremely busy on the few nice days such as Sunday January 9th. On this day there were multiple times when more than 20 vehicles were in the lot. There continue to be only a small number of visitors on the rainy days. During the snowstorm, only one vehicle visited that was not prepared for the snow accumulation on the entrance road. That small car was pushed up the incline near the Miller Woods wooden sign.

d. Mt. Richmond:

Josh has been out to the property to check on the roads after the winter storms and found a small oak across the road. Josh has also been out to help Norvella with firewood. Norvella is getting around better than last year but still needs help.

e. Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:

Josh and Amie will be meeting with the OWEB review team on January 25th to present their Wetland Complex Grant application through a virtual site visit.

f. Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):

Josh has been out to check on the road system following the winter storms and the road is faring well other than a small steep section near the top. There's some erosion occurring. Josh talked about a \$15,000 project donation that had been approved. Back in October an Environmental Consulting Agency (Hudspeth Land & Water) contacted the District. The consulting agency had a client with a DEQ violation and was looking for restoration projects that their client could donate money to for mitigation. Josh proposed the funds be used for spot spraying, mowing, native seed and seeding, and native tree and shrub planting in the 20-acre salvage/restoration area. This was approved. Josh is following up with the environmental consulting agency to see what the next steps are and to see what requirements must be met – reporting etc. Luke talked about how the watershed council had received this type of funds before and how easy the process is.

Larry mentioned the need for the district to determine its position on sponsoring new Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program projects. The district has limited capacity to take on additional projects and should discuss how it will evaluate and respond to future request for assistance.



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13) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT:

Keith Nasman and Luke Westphal reported the District submitted final reporting for two recently completed Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) grants. The District also applied for two new OSWB grants to fund 2022 weed projects. Grant determinations will be announced in February. If approved, the grants will provide funds to survey / treat aquatic weeds on the Willamette River and four Class A priority weeds in Yamhill County.

Keith and Luke reported that a grant agreement has been secured by GYWC for the Yamhill Pesticide Stewardship Partnership (PSP) for the 2021 - 2023 biennium. This funds pesticide water quality sampling and stakeholder outreach within the Palmer Creek and Cozine Creek drainages.

14) STAFF REPORTS:

No staff reports discussed. Dave Cruickshank commented that he enjoyed Luke's GYWC Annual Report.

15) BOARD REPORTS:

Dave Cruickshank noted that he really liked this year's newsletter. Ximena also liked the electronic version, thought it was very polished. Barbara reported that her property had not completely flooded during the recent rains.

16) AGENCY REPORTS:

Thomas reported NRCS is busy ranking applications and meeting with landowners. Sergio thanked Sam for hosting a hazelnut informational meeting on his property and asked if Ximena might be interested in hosting a similar event on her property; any board members willing to share their expertise and knowledge would be greatly appreciated. Sam agreed that the more information that can be shared amongst the district, the better.

Luke Westphal reported on the Coho Salmon spawning season for Oct - Dec 2021. Historically high returns of 20,000+ coho migrated above the Willamette Falls. GYWC volunteers observed Coho spawning on Salt Creek for the first time. Luke also introduced Linfield intern, Kendra Hutchinson, who is helping with outreach and field work, including Yamhill Pesticide Partnership, invasive weed surveys, and Cozine Creek restoration.

17) PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment provided.

18) ADJOURNMENT:

Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.