



Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Board Meeting Minutes

*BOARD MEETING IN PERSON AND BY TELEPHONE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Date: **August 10, 2022**

Authorized Signature Date: *Barbara Boyer*

DIRECTORS:	Present	PARTNERS/GUESTS:	Present	SWCD/NRCS:	Present
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Hoskins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Ojua	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randy Vilhauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Schwister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Casey Kulla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Nasman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pat FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Amie Loop-Frison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh Togstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ximena Orrego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Jordan Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Andy Bleckinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1) CALL TO ORDER & LATE AGENDA ITEMS: Barbara Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

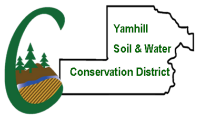
Note: Today’s meeting convened in a public setting at the at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville. The meeting was also held by telephone and video conference call. Information and access codes were provided in advance on the district’s website, the local newspaper (News Register) and sent with board packets to the district’s distribution list.

2) BOARD MINUTES: The board reviewed the minutes from the June 2022 board meeting. Ximena Orrego moved, and Sam Sweeney seconded a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve June 2022 Board Minutes as presented.					
	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 checked="" 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"/>
	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"/>
	Ximena Orrego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 June 2022 Treasurer’s Report. Dave Cruickshank moved, and Leo Krick seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE RECORD: Approve the June 2022 Treasurer’s Report as presented.					
	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"/>



4) REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to discuss. Staff will bring any significant correspondence or information to the board's attention as appropriate.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2022 Director Elections

Barbara discussed the Notice of Election for District Directors. Three positions expire December 31, 2022: Zone 1, At Large Zone 1, and At Large Zone 2. Further discussion regarding the election will occur during the August board meeting.

b. Oregon Tree Farm System Donation

Allison reported that a request for donation was received from Oregon Tree Farm Systems. The last donation made was in 2019 for \$50. The board reviewed the request and there was consensus to donate \$100 to Oregon Tree Farm Systems.

c. COLT Membership Dues

Allison reported that the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT) Membership dues request was received in the amount of \$375. The board reviewed the request and there was consensus to continue the membership and pay \$375 to COLT.

d. Potluck on July 20th

Allison passed along an invitation to the board members to join a potluck hosted by USDA on July 20th at noon.

6) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT:

a. District Staffing Update

Josh announced that Brady Watcherson would be starting July 18th as the new Caretaker and Volunteer Coordinator at Miller Woods. He will be working 24 to 30 hours per week with volunteers on trails, nursery, equipment, and the plant sale. His appointment will be reviewed after six months.

Jacob Rose is working with Josh from June-September on spraying and mowing at Dupee Valley and Seven H. Jacob is a Master's student and is working on a management plan for Seven H as his project.

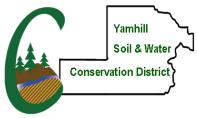
Andy Bleckinger joined as District Manager last week. He has attended various staff meetings and held one on one meetings to learn more about district projects and staff responsibilities. He will be focusing on the reorganization of system files, the budget, the upcoming audit, grants and funding tracking, website/branding, and other District management tasks as needed.

7) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:

Keith met with Andy to discuss outreach efforts. Keith will be talking with district staff to create a list of needs for the various programs, projects, and grants that are managed. Outreach will be discussed with partners next to build the effort.

Barbara discussed plans for the district's Annual Meeting and Annual Dinner. The board agreed that with Covid restrictions being uncertain, the Annual Meeting and Annual Dinner would be held during the February board meeting during a recess.

Barbara inquired if anyone would be interested in attending the CONNECT conference in September. The conference is in person in Seaside or virtual.



8) LAND USE: There were no land use items to discuss.

9) DISTRICT MANAGED PROPERTIES:

a. WWMP Update:

Amie is continuing work on Cherryhill with Leo and Larry. A contract and check have been signed with Tyler Woods for the appraisal. The Phase 1 environmental report is complete and there are no concerns. Next steps can be pursued when the survey work is completed.

b. Chegwyn Farms:

Josh discussed the tree removal project on 3 acres along McDonald Lane. Signs were posted and Mike Peterson, the district's contractor, successfully removed the old filbert trees with an excavator. They are staged for removal and clean up in August. Josh obtained a right of way permit from the city to complete the tree removal work.

c. Yamhill Oaks - Masonville & Gopher Valley:

i. Masonville:

Josh did not have anything to report on Masonville.

ii. Gopher Valley:

Josh reported that the mouse ear hawkweed treatment is complete. He will be mowing near the homesite and roads with the skid steer soon.

d. Miller Woods:

Josh described the progress on the Miller Woods restroom project. The roof, siding, and concrete sidewalk are complete, and the project will be wrapping up mid to end of August. Plans for a ribbon cutting ceremony and thank you to volunteers was discussed and will be elaborated on.

Amie relayed the results of surveys done last week on the chub population in the Miller Woods pond. Since introduction, the population has grown to between 2000-3000 chub. The ODFW is considering transferring some to other area ponds, possibly Seven H.

d. Mt. Richmond:

Josh did not have anything to report on Mt. Richmond.

e. Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve:

Josh reported that the wetland project would be coming along after hay removal. Turtle surveys are continuing for three days at the end of the month.

f. Dupee Valley Reserve:

Josh and Jacob have been working on mowing and spraying at Dupee Valley.

g. Yamhela Oak Conservation Overlook (YOCO):

The board toured the property to see thinning work that has been completed and still in progress.



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h. Seven H:

The board will be touring the property Tuesday, July 19th at 9 am. Former owner Jim Hay will be there to provide insight for the tour.

10) NOXIOUS WEED REPORT:

Keith reported that the County grant surveying and treatment is complete. There will be more mowing of garlic mustard and mouse ear hawkweed later in the year. The state grant agreement requirements have been met and are awaiting signature from OWEB. An outreach mailing was sent last week. Due to the long, wet Spring, flowering has been delayed and work rescheduled.

Keith discussed the ODA alert of Emerald Ash Borer found in Forest Grove. ODA and ODF have created a response plan, and information can be found on our website.

11) STAFF REPORTS:

There were no comments on staff reports.

12) BOARD REPORTS:

Ximena shared information on a bio-dynamic viticulture seminar being held on August 5th. More details will be shared for anyone interested in attending.

Sam reported on the water task force meeting attended by Casey Kulla and presented by Steve Caldwell. Discussion was on underground tiling and the impact it has on aquifers. There are concerns for the Willamette Valley and the task force sees the need for testing and data collection on water levels in the region's aquifers. This research will need funding ideas going forward.

13) AGENCY REPORTS:

Thomas reported that EQIP contracts are 100% obligated. There are 9 RCPP applications for oak restoration being reviewed for contract. Thomas will report on these applications and their status next month.

Jordan reported that the GYWC is in the process of hiring a bookkeeper and interim Executive Director. They hired Tom Wilson as an administrator.

14) PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randy Vilhauer inquired about the bare land that has been sprayed north of his property. Josh and Amie discussed the project with the Institute of Applied Ecology, and that the land was sprayed so that it would be clear for seeding native grasses and plants this Fall. Randy questioned the mowing of land in front of his property along the roadway that has led to previous fines. It was recommended he check with the County regarding the mowing. He confirmed that Keith was able to check on noxious weeds across the fence line with the neighboring property.

15) ADJOURNMENT:

Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.