

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting – 01/03/2018

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Location: Marion SWCD Conference Room
338 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97301
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2018
Time: 6:03 PM to 7:13 PM

Date Approved: Feb. 7, 2018
Recorder: Tom Wilson
Chair: Tim Bielenberg

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Associates</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests / Partners</u>
Bielenberg, Tim	Fields, Mark	Keppinger, Jane	Bachelor, Les (NRCS)
Hetsel, Ken	Hardy, Lee (6:13 PM)	Wilson, Tom	Temple, Ray (Salem Audubon)
Walker, Scott	Bovee, Jeffrey		Evans-Peter, Graham (USF&W)
Krahmer, Doug	Hsu, Terry (6:54)		Dyk, Robert (guest)
DeSantis, Bob			
Olson, Darin			

BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bielenberg called the Board Meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Administrative Assistant Wilson noted that the meeting was being recorded.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION / SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / SPECIAL BOARD ACTION: Bielenberg thanked the staff for the Christmas party last month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Temple and Evans-Peters gave the board an overview of the 25-acre Ankeny Hill Nature Center Prairie Restoration project they are seeking funding for. Visitors are estimated to be 50-60K a year. They need the money by this fall to purchase the seed. There is a need for funds from the district, regardless of other grants being awarded, and they will know in a few months about the other grants.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT: Bachelor explained that the first batch of applications are ranked. There are no conservation plans for this meeting. The Local Work Group meeting is February 23rd from 9a – Noon. NRCS had a good showing at the Seed Conference.

PUBLIC or BOARD COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Bielenberg presented the Consent Agenda; he asked Board Members to state any comments or conflicts of interest.

ACTION: Olson moved for the Board to approve and adopt the following items contained in the Consent Agenda:

- A. MARION SWCD MINUTES
 - 1. December 6, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. Clean Harbor Invoice for Mt. Angel Pesticide Cleanup (\$10,000)

Motion was 2nd by Krahmer. Passed by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Keppinger provided the Board with the November and December financial reports. The QuickBooks reconciliation detail report showed that as of the close of business **Dec. 31, 2017** the balance held under the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to be **\$2,756,062.34**.

The account for the 125 Flex Plan had a balance of **\$1727.14** on **Nov. 30, 2017**. The balance of the District's checking account on **Nov. 30, 2017** was **\$79,336.97**. There were no bank statements for December. The District's checking account activity report for December was reviewed and all questions regarding the checks paid out were addressed. Keppinger reported that 98% of taxes have been collected. *Discussion regarding the Native Plant Sale.*

Krahmer moved for the Board to approve the financial report as presented. Motion was 2nd by Hetsel, Motion passed 5-1; Olson NAY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Select Date and Time for Admin Committee Meeting To Review SWCD Programs: Olson asked what would be the final outcome. Walker responded that he would like to discuss and review specific practices and make sure there is staff feedback. He would also to make a procedural checklist to make sure staff and clients understand the process, and eliminate the confusion of the past. By consensus, the committee will meet on **January 17, 2018 @ 3 PM**. Olson requested the agenda goes out to all directors and associates.
- B. Discuss / Approve Music for SWCD Annual Meeting: *Discussion regarding the need for entertainment.*

Krahmer moved to hire Terry Hsu and his daughter to play music at the annual meeting for \$150, 2nd Olson. Passed by Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Elect Marion SWCD Officers: Bielenberg opened the floor for nominations for chair.
- Olson nominated Walker
 - Krahmer nominated Bielenberg
 - DeSantis nominated himself

Krahmer moved to close nominations. 2nd by Olson. Passed by Unanimous vote.

First Vote:

- Walker; Vote failed = 2 Yea (Olson, Walker) to 4 Nay (Bielenberg, DeSantis, Hetsel, Krahmer)
- Bielenberg; Vote failed = 3 Yea (Hetsel, Bielenberg, Krahmer) to 3 Nay (DeSantis, Olson, Walker)
- DeSantis; Voted failed = 1 Yea (DeSantis) to 5 Nay (Bielenberg, Hetsel, Krahmer, Olson, Walker)

Second Vote:

- Walker vote failed - 2 Yea (Olson, Walker) to 4 Nay (Bielenberg, DeSantis, Hetsel, Krahmer)
- Bielenberg vote passed 4 Yea (Bielenberg, DeSantis, Hetsel, Krahmer) to 2 Nay (Olson, Walker)

Krahmer moved to nominate Walker for Vice-Chair, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion was 2nd by Olson, passed by a unanimous vote.

Krahmer moved to nominate Hetsel for Secretary/Treasurer, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion was 2nd by Olson, passed by a unanimous vote.

- B. Discuss/Approve Funding Request for Salem Audubon Society/US Fish & Wildlife Service: Krahmer would like to make it contingent on the success of the other grants. Discussion regarding the source of funding, and Keppinger and/or the Budget Officer is to include it in the budget for FY 18-19.

Krahmer moved to approve the funding request by Salem Audubon Society for \$6,910, contingent on the other two grants being funded, with the Budget Officer to include it in next year's budget. Motion was 2nd by Olson. Walker identified himself as a member of the Audubon Society, but with no financial interests, and will still vote. Passed by a unanimous vote.

- C. Approve 2016-17 Audit Report: Postponed until next meeting due to auditor's illness.

REPORTS

- A. OACD UPDATE: They have hired an executive director. Olson reminded the board that the payment of dues was contingent on hiring an executive director. The District will pay OACD the remaining dues.
- B. MARION COUNTY WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: None
- C. COMMUNITY EVENTS / MEETINGS: N. Santiam filed for 501(C)3. Keppinger reported that the OWEB small grant team is up and running. Application window is open thru January 10, 2018.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR BIELENBERG AT 7:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tom Wilson, Administrative Assistant. Attachments and handouts are available upon request.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Admin Committee Meeting: Location:	Wednesday, January 17, 2018 beginning at 3:00 PM. Marion SWCD Multnomah Falls Conference Room 338 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem, OR 97301
Next Regular Board Meeting: Location:	Wednesday, February 7, 2018 beginning at 6:00 PM Marion SWCD Multnomah Falls Conference Room 338 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem, OR 97301
Marion SWCD 46 th Annual Meeting Location:	Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm Macleay Conference and Retreat Center 2887 74 th Avenue SE, Salem, OR 97317

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