

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting – 08/01/2018

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Location: Marion SWCD Conference Room
338 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97301
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:48 PM

Date Approved: 10/03/2018
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)
Walker, Scott	Hsu, Terry	Wilson, Tom	Budeau, Dave (guest)
Krahmer, Doug	Hardy, Leland		Alexander, Catharine (Straub Env.)
Olson, Darin			

BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bielenberg called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Introductions were made and Administrative Assistant Wilson noted that the meeting was being recorded.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION / SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / SPECIAL BOARD ACTION: Bachelor recognized and thanked Bielenberg's kindness in giving students a tour of his dairy operation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENDA CHANGES: Olson wants a discussion regarding Krahmer being appointed as the Secretary/Treasury. Walker wanted to discuss item D (manager evaluation) in the previous minutes.

DISCUSS AND OR APPOINT APPLICANT TO FILL VACANT AT LARGE ZONE 2:

ACTION: Olson moved for the Board to appoint Hsu, 2nd Walker; Discussion: Fields withdrew his request. Passed unanimously 4-0.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT: Bachelor presented the plans and answered questions from the board. Discussion regarding specific practices.

PUBLIC or BOARD COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA: *Bielenberg pulled the minutes out of consent agenda.*

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

A. **MARION SWCD MINUTES:**

1. ~~June 21, 2018 Board Meeting and Budget Hearing Minutes~~ (REMOVED from consent agenda & MOVED to Unfinished Business – B)

B. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. NRCS Conservation Plans (Blue Sky Farms, Champoeg Farms, GH Farms, Goshie Farms, Loughmiller Inc., Mark Schelske, & Marion/Polk Food Share).

2. Approve CLEAR Grant – Cascade HS (\$1000), Early College HS (\$1700 for two classes to attend Salmon Watch), Stayton HS (\$750)
3. Approve USGS Invoice for \$6,150 for 3rd quarter flow monitoring of two stations.
4. Approve \$3000 College Scholarship to recommended recipient.

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda. 2nd by Olson; passed unanimously 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Keppinger provided the Board with the July financial report. The QuickBooks reconciliation detail report showed that as of the close of business **6/30/2018** the balance held under the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to be **\$2,326,294.77**.

The account for the 125 Flex Plan had a balance of **\$5100.33 on 6/30/2018**. The balance of the District's checking account on 6/30/2018 was **\$134,291.22**. There were no bank statements for July, but the District's checking account activity report for June was reviewed and all questions regarding the checks paid out were addressed.

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve the June financial report as presented. Motion was 2nd by Walker, Motion passed 4-1; (Olson Nay).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Approve top ranked auditing firm to perform 2017-18 SWCD Financial Audit

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to choose the auditing firm Jarrad, Seibert, Pollard and Co. to perform the 2017-18 Audit. 2nd by Olson; Discussion; passed unanimously 5-0.

- B. June 21st Minutes (*pulled from consent agenda*) discussion: Walker expressed concern with section D, regarding the manager evaluation. There was no vote taken regarding the evaluation as it is the responsibility of the Board Chair. Walker would like to have a vote and have the minutes clarify that it is a chair action not a board action. The board thought this was clear in the minutes already. **Hsu noted that Dave Budeau is not an associate, but listed as one.** Olsen noted that he talked to Erik Nussbaum at OACD, and he feels that the secretary/treasurer was appointed inappropriately on Hetsel's death.

Action: Olson moved, Walker 2nd, to re-evaluate and re-vote secretary/treasurer position. Discussion regarding legality of previous appointment. Motion passed 4-1, Bielenberg Nay.

Action: Hsu moved to nominate Krahmer, 2nd Krahmer. Olson moved to nominate Hsu, 2nd Walker. Hsu declined the nomination. Olson closed nominations. Motion failed 3-2, Walker and Olson Nay.

Action: Walker asked for a reconsideration of the vote, 2nd by Krahmer. No discussion; passed unanimously.

Action: Re-vote on Krahmer's nomination passed (4-1), Olson Nay.

Action: Krahmer moved to approve the minutes as amended to remove Budeau listed as an associate. 2nd Walker, No discussion; passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Dental and Health Insurance Plan Renewals effective Sept. 1, 2018

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to Dental and Health Insurance Plan Renewals. 2nd by Walker; passed unanimously 5-0.

- B. Landowner Assistance Program-Approve Recommended Funding of Applications from July 2018 Funding Round and Approve LAP Landowner Payments from 2017-18

- 20-19-001 - Granite Ridge Caneberries (\$7500)
- 20-19-002 - 4G Farms Irrigation Phase II (\$7500)
- 20-19-003 – Butte Hill Hazelnuts Phase I (\$7500)
- 20-19-004 – Osprey Nest Relocation Project (\$3295)
- 20-19-005 – Tree Top Farm Streamside Revegetation (\$6064)
- 20-19-006 – Conservation and Cover Crops (\$5926)
- 20-19-007 – Houts Farm Phase II (\$7500)
- 20-19-008 – Eder Bros. South Linear (\$7500)
- 20-19-009 – Stormwater Management Project (\$7500)

ACTION: Olson moved for the Board to approve Recommended Funding of Applications from July 2018 (above). 2nd Krahmer. Discussion: Walker said there wasn't enough information for him to make an informed decision. Olson and Hardy asked him to respect the committee and process. Passed 4-1 (Walker Nay)

- 20-18-004 - Houts Farm (\$7500)

ACTION: Krahmer moved to approve LAP Landowner Payments (above) from 2017-18, 2nd Olson, passed unanimously 5-0.

- C. Approve Funding Request of \$10,000 for Education/Outreach Activities from Straub Environmental Center

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to Approve Funding Request of \$10,000 for Education/Outreach Activities from Straub Environmental Center. 2nd by Krahmer; passed unanimously 5-0.

- D. Approve Funding Request of \$2,600 for August 2018 Aumsville Corn Festival

ACTION: Olson moved for the Board to Approve Funding Request of \$2,600 for August 2018 Aumsville Corn Festival. 2nd by Krahmer; Discussion: Bielenberg thinks that the district should spread the sponsorship funds around in the future, and make sure all areas/zones are recognized. Passed unanimously 5-0.

- E. Pudding River Watershed Council request to have Marion SWCD Director Representation on their Council Hsu will attend the meeting as a private citizen, and report back to the board.

- F. Approve Employee Out of State Travel Expenses for Irrigation Conference

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to Approve Employee (Bishop) Out of State Travel Expenses for Irrigation Conference up to \$1400. 2nd by Krahmer; passed 4-1 (Olson NAY).

G. Discuss/Approve 2018-19 USGS Agreement to continue monitoring the current 2 stations.

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to Approve 2018-19 USGS Agreement to continue monitoring the current 2 stations for \$6150. 2nd by Olson; passed unanimously 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, AGENCIES, STAFF

- A. Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Keppinger explained that they are holding a fall strategic planning conference in Newport. *Discussion regarding withholding dues if progress is not made in their organizational capacity.*
- B. Marion Co. Water Quality Advisory Meeting/Ag Heritage Program Update: Water Quality Advisor Committee position is open, and Hsu expressed interest. Ag Heritage rules comment period is open until 9/5/18.
- C. Community Events/Meetings: Alexander said there is a natural education roundtable on August 22 at 3:30 and an education summit on 8/23-4 to work on curriculum.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR BIELENBERG AT 8:48 PM.

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Board Meeting:

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 beginning at 7:00 PM

Location:

Marion SWCD Multnomah Falls Conference Room

338 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem, OR 97301

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