

**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting – 09/05/2018**

Handouts and attachments available on request

Location: Marion SWCD Conference Room
338 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Date: Wednesday, September 05, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:35 PM

Date Approved: 10/03/2018

Recorder: Tom Wilson
Chair: Tim Bielenberg

ATTENDANCE:

Directors

Bielenberg, Tim
Walker, Scott
Krahmer, Doug
Hsu, Terry
Olson, Darin

Associates

Hardy, Leland
Budeau, Dave

Staff

Keppinger, Jane
Wilson, Tom

Guests / Partners

Alexander, Catharine (Straub Env.)
McCoun, Rebecca (North Santiam)
Bachelor, Les (NRCS)

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:

Keppinger stated the Oregon Homeschool Day SWCD presentation at the Oregon Garden, had a record 850 students participating.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Alexander handed out a brochure of a new Straub Environmental Center program to encourage nature-based youth leadership skills.

AGENDA CHANGES:

Walker wanted a discussion regarding district board members serving on other boards. Bielenberg slated for *Unfinished Business B*.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

Bachelor presented the plans and answered questions from the board. Discussion regarding specific practices. There is a new state engineer working at the office.

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.

A. MARION SWCD MINUTES:

~~August 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes~~ – not included in some packets, removed and tabled until next month.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

NRCS Conservation Plans (Arrowhead Farm, Coleman Farms (x2), Fairfield Farms, Hill Country LLC, Mark Anderson (DBA Champoeg Creek Farms), and Westwood Farms).

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda, minus the August 1 minutes. 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 **7/31/2018** the balance held under the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to be **\$2,245,609.95** and **8/31/2018** to be **\$2,181,267.87**.

The account for the 125 Flex Plan had a balance of **\$4961.29 on 7/31/2018**. The balance of the District's checking account on 7/31/2018 was **\$106,610.60**. The District's checking account activity report for July and August was reviewed and all questions regarding the checks paid out were addressed. As of **8/31/2018** the checking account had **\$50,913.70**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Approve Amount to Purchase New Vehicle

ACTION: Olson moved for the Board to approve spending \$35,000 (total) and trade in the Honda Civic to purchase a different vehicle. 2nd by Krahmer; passed 4 - 1; (Walker Nay).

B. Discussion regarding district board members serving on other boards that receive funds from the district. Walker distributed a memo from the ethics office that explained it would not be a conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve NRCS Conservation Plan for SWCD Board Chair Bielenberg

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve Bielenberg's Farm Plan. 2nd by Olson; Bielenberg declared an actual conflict of interest and abstained from voting. Passed unanimously 4-0.

B. Request to Appoint Applicant as Associate Director

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to accept the application of Dave Budeau as associate director. 2nd by Hsu; No Discussion; passed unanimously 5-0.

C. North Santiam Water Council-OWEB Grant Project Proposal Presentation for SWCD Grant Match Funds

McCoun presented the proposal and answered questions. The due date is Oct. 29, 2018. Approval would be in March of 2019; instream work is set for July. Project maintenance will be by the North Santiam WC using OWEB funds. Hsu stated his concern about the movement of the log structures and McCoun replied they are using new engineering techniques to reduce the risk, and that OWEB and ODF&W will accept them.

D. Discuss the Need to Seek Permission to Work in Adjacent SWCD Area

Keppinger explained that for Sarah Hamilton (MSWCD staff) to work on projects in Linn county, she needs permission from the Linn SWCD. Keppinger will contact the District Manager and seek permission in writing.

E. Approve Landowner Payments and Project Extension Deadlines

Payments for Hubell (\$7,500) and Arrimeier (\$7,500); and Extensions for Gomc, and Hsu.

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve the landowner payments for Hubell and Arrimeier as well as the extension for Gomc. Olson 2nd. No Discussion; passes unanimously 5-0

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the board to extend the deadline for Hsu, 2nd Olson. Hsu declared a real conflict of interest and abstained from vote. No Discussion; passes unanimously 4-0.

F. Approve Pudding River Watershed Council Funding Agreement and Payment of \$5288 for SWCD/OWEB Grant Match Funds

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to approve spending \$5288 for the Pudding River/OWEB Grant Match. 2nd by Olson; no discussion; passed unanimously 5-0.

G. Discuss and Approve OACD Dues Amount

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to approve spending \$5000 for district dues to OACD. 2nd by Olson; no discussion; passed unanimously 5-0.

H. Discuss OACD Fall Strategy Meeting November 14-15, 2018 in Newport:

Keppinger explained the process of putting together this meeting. She stated this is not the annual meeting, but an un-official planning committee. Krahmer, Walker and Keppinger requested to go. Olson would like the board to identify certain subjects that need discussion.

ACTION: Krahmer moved to approve expenses for directors, associate directors and staff to attend the OACD Fall Strategy Meeting. 2nd Olson. No discussion; pass unanimously 5-0.

I. SWCD's Next Annual Meeting - McLeay on February 19, 2019.

ACTION: Olson moved to accept resolution 090-518 declaring the SWCD Annual Meeting on February 19, 2019. Krahmer 2nd. No Discussion; Passed 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, AGENCIES, STAFF:

- A. Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD): Keppinger said that there has been 45 requests for financial assistance to OACD due to fire losses. NRCS has given OWEB a technical assistance grant for \$1,000,000. There is flooding issues with tide gates on the Oregon Coast and inland.
- B. Ag Heritage Program Update: Open for public comment until Oct. 5, 2018.
- C. Community Events/Meetings: Water Rights Boot Camp has sold 143 tickets.

Discussion regarding a new water retention project in Stayton.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR BIELENBERG AT 8:35 PM.

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Board Meeting:

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 beginning at 7:00 PM

Location:

Marion SWCD Multnomah Falls Conference Room
338 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem, OR 97301

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