

**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting – 12/05/2018
*Handouts and attachments available on request***

Location: Marion SWCD Conference Room
338 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97301
Date: Wednesday, December 05, 2018
Time: 6:30 PM to 7:37 PM

Approved: January 02, 2019
Recorder: Tom Wilson
Chair: Tim Bielenberg

ATTENDANCE:

Directors

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

Associates

Hardy, Leland
Budeau, Dave
Fields, Mark

Staff

Keppinger, Jane
Wilson, Tom

Guests / Partners

Alexander, Catherine (Straub Outdoor)
Nelson, Holly (Chemeketa C.C.)
Hogovorst, Trish (guest)
Garst, Ron (Pudding River W.C.)
McCoun, Rebeca (North Santiam W.C.)
Koch, Rochelle (guest/director elect)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bielenberg called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Introductions were made, and Administrative Assistant Wilson noted that the meeting was being recorded.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION / SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / SPECIAL BOARD ACTION: Ron Crouse's (staff) retirement party will be moved to later this month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Alexander reported that the Straub Outdoor program is already filled up for next spring. She thanked the board for their continued support.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: Walker invited Chemeketa C.C. dean Holly Nelson to talk to the board regarding the new space being created. Chair Bielenberg put under 9C.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. **MARION SWCD MINUTES:**

A1. 11/15/2018 - Board Meeting Minutes

B. **ACTION ITEMS:**

B1. Approve Presented NRCS Conservation Plans - None

B2. Approve 4 CLEAR Grants

- Hallman Elementary for \$1,000 for Field Trip Transportation
- Lee Elementary for \$1,000 for Outdoor School Activities
- OSU Small Farms Program for \$450 for Workshop Attendee Scholarships
- North Salem H.S. for \$896 for Forestry Field Trip Transportation

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Walker, Passed unanimously 4-0.

Ms. Alexander commented that the Outdoor School program run by extension will pay for busing, so it doesn't need to be included in future CLEAR grants.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Keppinger provided the Board with the October financial report. The QuickBooks reconciliation detail report showed that as of the close of business **11/30/2018** the balance held under the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to be **\$2,788,888.67**.

The balance of the District's checking account on **10/31/2018** was **\$126,110.01**. The District's checking account activity report for November was reviewed and all questions regarding the checks paid out were addressed. There was a balance of **\$56,249.47 as of 11/30/2018**, but no bank statement.

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve the November financial report as presented. 2nd by Walker, passed 4 - 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. SWCD February 2019 Annual Meeting-Discuss and Approve Entertainment

Walker suggested a historian talking about Marion County for next year's meeting.

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve the annual meeting entertainment as Terry Hsu and his daughter playing violins for \$300. 2nd by Walker. **No Vote:** postponed due to Hsu's conflict of interest.

- B. Pudding River Watershed Council OWEB Grant-Grant application submission needs to move to Spring of 2019. Reconsideration of SWCD Grant Match Funds.

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to change the allocation date for the \$12,500 approved for November to April. 2nd by Krahmer. Discussion: Krahmer would like to have the new plan presented to the district board before submitted to OWEB. Passed 4 - 0.

- C. Chemeketa CC move discussion:

Ms. Nelson said they are behind the timeline for a 2020 finish; ground breaking will start in the fall of 2019, and occupancy could begin in 2021. Construction prices are running about \$450-\$470/square foot. She does not know the lease rates, but there would be shared space to cut the cost. Nelson suggested more in-depth conversations for space requirements soon in order to move forward. Hsu suggested a sub-committee and Bielenberg appointed Hsu and Walker to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Letter of Support for ODA Weed Board Grant for Ludwigia Surveys

The total cost of the project is about \$43,000, with about \$9,000 of in-kind donations. Keppinger suggested a \$10,000 commitment from the SWCD to help the Weed Board. There is about 13 miles of river that needs

work. McCoun (North Santiam Watershed Council) described the 3 phases of the project: treatment (both chemical and manual), re-surveys, and education.

ACTION: Walker moved for the Board to approve the ODA Weed Board Grant Letter and \$10,000 to the North Santiam Watershed Council as presented. 2nd by Krahmer, passed 4 - 0.

B. Report on Marion County Solar Farm Task Force Work

Walker explained the process of the task force and how they reached their recommendations. The issue is now back to the county commissioners.

C. Approve LAP Landowner Payments or Project Extension Deadlines (see handout #1)

- 1 request for payment (Terrence Hsu 20-18-019) for \$2,014. (Postponed for update next month)
- 1 extension (Mark Anderson 20-18-018) from 12/31/18 to 5/31/19.

ACTION: Krahmer moved for the Board to approve the LAP extension for Anderson as presented. 2nd by Walker, passed 4 - 0.

D. Request Agenda Topics for January 2, 2019 Board Meeting

- Chemeketa Update
- Hsu LAP
- Oaths of Office
- Officer Elections
- Payment for Entertainment at Annual Meeting
- 5-year strategic plan

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, AGENCIES, STAFF (10 minutes max. per report): None

Upcoming SWCD Board Meeting Dates:

- January 2, 2019 at 6:30pm
- February 6, 2019 at 6:30pm
- March 6, 2019 at 6:30pm

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR BIELENBERG AT 7:37 PM.

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Board Meeting:
Location:

Wednesday, January 02, 2019 beginning at 6:30 PM
Marion SWCD Multnomah Falls Conference Room
338 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem, OR 97301

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