



Marion Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors February 1, 2023, Annual Meeting Minutes
5:04 PM to 5:38 PM
Facilitator: Chair Darin Olson
Recorded by: Brenda Sanchez

Attendance

Meeting offered by video conference and by telephone.

Directors & Record of Attendance		Associate Directors	Staff	Guests
At Large 1-Peggy Hart	Present	Mark Fields	Brenda Sanchez	Al Hrynyshyn
At Large 2- Scott Walker	Present	Angela Plowhead	Linda Lovett	Kathy Patterson
Zone 1-Vacant	Vacant	Leland Hardy		
Zone 2-Vacant	Vacant			
Zone 3-Darin Olson (Chair)	Present			
Zone 4-Dave Budeau (Secretary-Treasurer)	Present			
Zone 5-Rochelle Koch (Vice-Chair)	Absent			

Note: All documents and materials displayed or referenced are retained in the Board of Directors Meeting file at the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (Marion SWCD or District).

A. Olson Call to Order: 5:04 PM

1. Presentation of District Accomplishments

Sanchez began by introducing the District's Board of Directors, Associate Directors, and Staff.

Sanchez added that in 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Soil Conservation Service within the United States Department of Agriculture. Oregon passed soil conservation district legislation in 1939, organizing the Oregon Soil Conservation Committee. Within the boundaries of modern Marion SWCD, there were three conservation Districts initially organized between 1947 and 1953. The Santiam, Silver Creek, and Mt. Angel districts which merged in 1971, forming the district we now know as the Marion SWCD.

Sanchez states that the Annual Meeting is a required meeting by Oregon statute and is a good way to reach out to the community, share accomplishments, and hear from you about how we can grow in the coming years.

Sanchez displayed the 2021-2022 Marion Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Report and reviewed the District's accomplishments as written in the report. Highlighting accomplishments within the Invasive and Native Plants Programs, Education Program, Plan for Your Land, Howell Prairie Creek Strategic Implementation Area, and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement (CREP).

Lovett presented the 2021-2022 Financial Report. The 2021-2022 General Fund Beginning Balance was \$1,367,453. Total Resources (Income) included \$1,309,032 in levied taxes received, \$90,946 other resources, \$10,746 interest, \$30,780 miscellaneous to equal \$1,441,504.

Expenses includes \$663,260 personal services, \$529,435 materials and services, \$2,710 capital outlay, to equal \$1,195,405,

June 30, 2022, General Fund ending balance was \$1,613,552.

The Multi-Purpose and Building Reserves beginning balance was \$576,726 and the ending balance was \$544,837. There was \$1,399 in revenue from interest and \$33,288 in capital outlay expenditures.

Sanchez continued by noting the District's upcoming events and underlined the District's achievements in working toward an equitable approach for District programs. Sanchez finished with a review of the District's Landowner Assistance Program (now known as the Conservation Assistance Grants Program)

Sanchez ended the report by stating that the 2021-2022 Annual Report is available on the District's website.

Public Comment

Al Hrynyshyn Director (Board Chair) on the Upper Willamette SWCD and Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Board member (Northwest position) joined the meeting tonight to share OACD news. He highlighted that several SWCDs have been working to revitalize the Wildlife Habitat Conservation & Management Program which provides tax credits for wildlife benefits on private property (House Bill 2527).

Hrynyshyn added that there is a Soil Health Initiative to improve soil health in Oregon by collaborating on and advancing voluntary incentive-based soil health strategies, including financial incentives, technical assistance, outreach and education, research, and other resources. Collaborating entities and agencies include ODA, OWEB, OSU Extension, and SWCDs

Adjourn: Chair Olson adjourned the meeting at 5:38 PM



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