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January 20, 2016
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting Minutes

Directors

Allan Campbell – Chair
Don Hamann – Director
Ron Hillers – Director
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair
Marilyn Rice – Director
Juanita Wright – Director
Stan Dean – Director

Staff & Guests

Randy White – District Manager
Markie Germer – Administrative Secretary
Paul DeMaggio – Natural Resource Project Specialist
Clint Nichols – Rural Planner
Lori Tella – Urban Planner
Erin Kurtz – Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Ray Tharp – Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC)
Libby Van Wyhe – Ashland Parks & Recreation
Julie Smitherman - City of Ashland
Robin Coffan – Southern Oregon Monarch Advocates
Simone Coffan- Southern Oregon Monarch Advocates
Lynne Reardon - Coyote Trail Nature Center

Board Chair Campbell opened the Board meeting at 4:00 p. m.

Libby Van Wyhe from North Mountain Park and Julie Smitherman from the City of Ashland presented a power point about the JSWCD District Funds project for the Water Wise Plan involving a synthetic lawn and pervious pavement demonstration at North Mountain Park.

Robert Coffan from the Southern Oregon Monarch Advocate spoke about another JSWCD District Funds project at Coyote Trails in Medford. The Monarch Way Station started development in June of 2015 with the help from other agencies and businesses as well as the artistic abilities of at-risk youth from the Maslow Project. During a tour in September at Coyote Trails, two monarchs were found then tagged and released. One of the tagged monarchs was found on New Year's Day 2016 in Bolinas, California, 312 miles away. Mr. Coffan showed photos of the tagged monarch and thanked the District for their financial help with the project.

The presenters left the meeting at 4:45pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to elect Allan Campbell as Chair passed unanimously.

A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Hamann to elect Barbara Niedermeyer as Vice Chair passed unanimously.

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Wright to elect Ron Hillers as Secretary/Treasurer passed unanimously.

AGENDA

District Manager White requested time to discuss the Approval Authority for the District Manager to speak on behalf of the Board at the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Meeting tomorrow.

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to add the above topic to the agenda under New Business passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to accept the December 16, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes with the correction of line two of paragraph one on page one. Correct the first ODA acronym to read OACD. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORTS

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Wright to table the December 2016 Treasurers' report in order to give the new Board Treasurer time to review the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports – Success Stories

The agricultural, commercial and industrial chemical and pesticide collection event will be on March 4 and 5. This event is free and there is no reprisal for the type of products collected. You must register on-line. For more information on this event, go to the JSWCD website at www.jswcd.org. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) will be presenting results from their Strategic Implementation Area Study for the Wagner Creek Watershed on Tuesday, January 26 starting at 6 pm at the Talent Elementary School. The Rogue River Watershed Council and JSWCD staff will be there to inform the attendees of the available technical and funding resources to rectify some of the study's outcomes.

Clint Nichols will be taking the NRCS Certified Conservation Planner Course. This involves working with a landowner to develop a conservation plan using the NRCS standards.

Building Committee

The building remodel plans are moving forward. They are still getting the bio-swale and the parking lot details worked out. By February 11 all designs need to be submitted to the City of Central Point for approval.

District Funds Committee

Two applications were submitted and both were approved for a total amount of \$19,410, leaving a balance of \$42,117.03 in the District Funds Account. Signage for District Funded projects should have the District's name and logo.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 16-01/80 Board Meeting Time Change Resolution

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Wright to accept Resolution 16-01/80 as presented passed unanimously.

Who We Are What We Do Video

The Board watched the District's "Who We Are, What We Do" video that Ashley Parret created while at JSWCD as the Media Marketing Coordinator. The Board agreed this is an excellent film to show to residents on how JSWCD can help with natural resource concerns and to help promote the District.

A motion by Director Hiller with a second by Director Hamann to direct District Manager White to compose a letter of support to help Ashley with future endeavors passed unanimously.

Budget vs Actual Quarterly Financial Report

District Manager White handed out the financial report for the Board's review. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Mr. White.

Staff was excused at 5:07 pm.

Board Approval

District Manager White will be attending the OWEB meeting tomorrow here in the valley to hear public comment on the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy's proposal for the Rogue River Reserve acquisition. Mr. White would like Board approval to speak on behalf of the Board in support of the grant application at this meeting. **A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Wright to give Board approval to District Manager White to speak on behalf of the Board at the OWEB meeting passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

Manager's Briefing

District Manager White will be talking to ODA regarding how to handle the Cannabis issues and would like a resolution from the Board on how the District wants Staff to proceed when working with cannabis growers. Director Niedermeyer suggested that he check with the County on the marijuana rules and regulations. Stan Dean said that unless there is a compelling reason for making a stand, the District should wait until things are "played out". One question is: Does the District need to promote Cannabis events? Director Wright said that since the County and State still have conflicting rules and regulations for growing cannabis, it would be premature to make a stand now. District Manager White will get the County rules and regulations.

District Manager White handed out the Mission and Vision Statement and the Business Plan for Board review. Markie will send these documents electronically in order for the Board to track any changes. The Board decided to meet on Tuesday, February 9th from 4 to 6:00 pm to review and make any changes on these documents. Pizza will be served

NRCS

Erin Kurtz reported that the first deadline for NRCS program applications was January 15. This office received a total of 25 applications. The next deadline application is February 15. Erin held two Local Work Group Meetings, one in Josephine County and one in Jackson County. The new Soil Conservationist will start on January 25. Erin and Peter Winnick attended the ArcGIS Training in Roseburg on January 13. She developed a flyer and letter to pull in more landowners from the Ashland Area for the Ashland Forest All-Land Resiliency (AFAR) project.

Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD)/OWEB

Director Niedermeyer didn't have anything to report on the OACD but reported that the OWEB small grant team met on January 11 to get the team started again. The team is composed of four watershed councils and two SWCDs. Barbara is redoing the by-laws and will send them to OWEB for approval. The Small Grant Team expects to have the first application deadline sometime in April.

Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC)

Director Niedermeyer and District Manager White reported that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 11 and 12. Both Director Rice and District Manager White will be attending the meeting.

RRWC

Stan reported that Anna Johnson has reported for work as the new Administrative Assistant for the Rogue River Watershed Council and the strategic planning process is moving forward.

Ray Tharp, the Chair for RRWC reported that they are working with the City of Eagle Point on a Technical Assistance Grant to help with erosion problems along Little Butte Creek where Antelope Creek converges.

Agenda Build

Mr. White reported that staff will present to the Board their proposal for changes to the District Funds Program in the way of skit.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Markie Germer

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Official Minutes approved as printed:

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Approved as amended:

_____ Date _____