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June 19, 2019

**Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting Minutes**

Directors

Allan Campbell – Chair
Stan Dean
Don Hamann
Ron Hillers – Treasurer/Secretary
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair
Dave Picanso
Juanita Wright
Pam Hillers – Associate Director
Gordon Jones – Associate Director

Staff & Guests

Paul DeMaggio - Engineer
Kora Mousseaux – Urban Planner
Trevor Morris – Office Assistant
Clint Nichols – Rural Planner
Jenna Sanford – Natural Resource Technician
Karelia VerEecke – Ed & Outreach Coordinator
Randy White – District Manager
Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner
Erin Kurtz – Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Tom Dover –Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC)
Brian Bar – RRWC

Board Chair Campbell opened the Board meeting at 4:05 pm and introductions were made.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Roberts reported that Pacific Power is conducting maintenance on power lines as well as shutting down powerlines in an attempt to save power.

AGENDA

A motion by Director Hamann with a second by Director Hillers to accept the agenda as presented passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Hamann to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2019 Board Meeting as presented passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORTS

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Hamann to accept the June 2019 Treasurer reports as presented passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Paul reported on the on-going project with Rogue River Valley Irrigation District. Paul showed visuals on the project taken by RVCOG's drone. Paul also explained why it was so beneficial to use the pipe they did to eliminate excessive elbows along the pipeline.

Clint reported on the success of the flood irrigation class. 29 residents attended and it generated 6 possible site visits in the future. Overall, the class was extremely successful. Paul wants to create a 4 page how to properly flood irrigate fact sheet following the class.

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STAFF REPORTS (continued)

Kora reported that she finished spring sampling for PSP. PSP will resume in July for the fall. She also stated that she volunteered for day camp and will be teaching several education classes throughout the week. She has two grants to submit for the next fiscal year.

Jenna reported that PSP and flow monitoring is wrapped up. She is getting ready to employ loggers in stream. This will be done by the end of the week. Macroinvertebrates were observed in Antelope creek and there were an abundance of May flies. Jenna is also teaching several classes at day camp next week. Karelia reported that she has been extremely busy with day camp preparation. She had a parents meeting on Monday and has 6 volunteers set up.

Trevor reported that the Dew Drop Drill went out for the first time today. A small trailer to transport the drill will be looked at by the equipment committee in the future. Administrative duties have been consistent. Walk-ins increased by approximately by 10% this year compared to last year. Trevor has been helping all staff with numerous projects to include day camp, flood irrigation classes, PSP, and miscellaneous projects.

NRCS Update

Erin Kurtz, District Conservationist with NRCS reported that they are in the middle of their 5 year QAR. Stan Dean came in early and did a board member interview as well as a participant interview. Erin also reported that Benjamin Hudson resigned from his position and the vacant position will likely not be filled. NRCS has approved and funded 2 high tunnels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Update

There was nothing new to report.

Equipment Committee Update

District Manager White reported that he will be posting the GMC on the website within the next week or two. Rental equipment is being used regularly. A small trailer to transport the Dew Drop Drill will be discussed by the equipment committee in the future.

District Funds Committee Update

District Manager White reported that the committee met and approved one grant for \$10,000 dollars. It was for Rogue Valley Farm to School. The other application was missing a page so they asked for a resubmit. This grant was for \$2,100. Rogue Valley Farm to School program is located in Ashland and focuses on getting local food into local schools. They are striving to teach children the connection between planting a seed, caring for the plant, and ultimately eating the food generated by the plant.

Personnel Committee Update

Personnel handbook has seen many revisions and will be sent out to the board next week for input at the July Board Meeting.

Legislative Update

Director Dean reported that the legislative session is nearing the end. The draft letter that was to support Oregon agricultural heritage program was never submitted due to no additional hearings. The bill is dead at the moment. They went into the session hoping to get 10 million to get the program started and as it got later they were asking only 1.5 million. There is a small chance that a "Christmas tree bill" could still fund the program.

OLD BUSINESS

OWRD Galls Creek, OWRD is willing to redo the grants so that JSWCD is the sole grantee. The grant monies would be pass-through dollars. We are still waiting for Rebecca to send the revised grant. We have not received it and Randy will be calling soon to find the status.

Staff was excused at 5:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

ODA IGA 2019-2021 Scope of Work & Focus Area Action Plan (FAAP)

DM White would like the board to approve the FAAP but also approve signature authority so he can sign off and return the application/agreement timely. DM White also included \$ 4000 more in the budget to anticipate extra funds that we may receive. **A motion by Director Hamann with a second by Director Dean to approve the SOW & FAAP application and approve signatory authority for District Manager White passed unanimously.**

Appoint Liaison to RRWC

Director Dean talked about the duties and the importance of having the RRWC Liaison be a member of the JSWCD board. Director Dean resigned and the position is now vacant. No volunteers came forward. Director Dean asked all members of the board to think about it and have it be a topic at the next board meeting.

Resolution 19-06/94 Budget Resolution

A motion by Director Hamann with a second by Director Picanso to accept the budget resolution as presented passed unanimously.

Wise PAC – Pre Advisor Comment Voting Rep-by-Laws

Randy informed the board members of Steve Mason trying to resurrect the Wise. They would like to do it one section at a time. Wise was looking for someone from JSWCD to serve on the PAC advisory committee. It was decided to have District Manager White contact Steve Mason to see if he could come to the next Board Meeting to give more insight on the project prior to approval having someone from JSWCD serve on the PAC

Step and Grade Increases

A motion by Director Wright with a second by Director Hamann to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation for the promotions and step increases as presented passed unanimously.

BOARD, STAFF, & RRWC REPORTS

Manager's Briefing

There was nothing new to report since the Manager's Update that is in the Board Packet.

OWEB

Director Niedermeyer had nothing to report.

SWCC

Director Dean had nothing to report.

RRWC

Director Dean had nothing to report.

OACD

Director Dean reported that he was appointed the new chair for the legislative committee.

NACD

Director Campbell reported that the next NRAC meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 2pm.

Agenda Build

Director Dean would like to discuss at the next meeting, the pasture class that SOREC has decided not to continue.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Markie Germer

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Official Minutes approved as printed: Allan Campbell 3^d Date 07-18-19

Approved as amended: _____ Date _____