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August 17, 2016
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting Minutes

Directors

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

Staff & Guests

Randy White – District Manager
Markie Germer – Administrative Secretary
Clint Nichols – Rural Planner
Paul DeMaggio- Natural Resource Project Specialist
Jen Sawtell – Education & Outreach Coordinator
Peter Winnick –Acting District Conservationist,
Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Kelly Madding –Director, Jackson County Planning
Department

Board Chair Campbell opened the Board meeting at 4:05 pm.

Kelly Madding, Director of the Jackson County Planning Department presented a power point explaining some of the county rules and regulations for marijuana growers and distributors. There are still many questions to be answered. Some of the rules are being questioned by citizens and the appeals court is reviewing the ordinances.

AGENDA

There were no additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda.

MINUTES

A motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Dean to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2016 Board Meeting except noting the incorrect spelling of Kelly Madding's last name. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORTS

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Rice to accept the Treasurer Reports as presented passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Staff was excused at 4:59 pm

OLD BUSINESS

Building Committee

District Manager White reported that the building bid did not include required special inspections that will cost the District approximately \$1,000.00. District Manager White spoke to Straus & Seibert about this mistake. The builder has agreed to remove the downstairs west window and replace it with a wall to give a more finished look to the interior of building at no additional cost.

District Funds Committee

Director Niedermeyer reported that five applications were submitted and approved this month leaving \$72,000.00 left in the District Funding Account.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Resolution 16-08/83

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to approve the Annual Meeting Resolution 16-08/83 for fiscal year 2015-2016 passed unanimously.

Oregon Agricultural Heritage Work Group Survey

The Board reviewed the eight question survey and came to a consensus on all eight questions. District Manager White recorded the answers and will send the completed survey to OACD.

REPORTS

NRCS

Peter Winnick, acting NRCS District Conservationist, handed out his report and spoke briefly on the All Forest All Lands Restoration Project (AFAR) that is in full swing with eight contracts and thirteen more to be obligated along with ten additional contracts that are in the planning stage. Erin Kurtz is acting Basin Team Leader for both the Southwest Basin & Upper Willamette Basin until November of this year. Peter excused himself from the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Manager's Briefing

District Manager White reported that the Personnel Committee met to review the Urban and Community Planner position applicants. Four applicants were selected to participate in the interview process. The District is still waiting for the agreement for ODA's Strategic Implementation Area project for the Wagner Creek area. Larry Martin from the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District will present a proposal to the Board at the regular September 21st Board Meeting concerning a project at Bradshaw Drop.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB).

Director Niedermeyer reported that the OWEB Small Grant Team met on August 15 to review and decide on three Small Grant Applications each requesting \$10,000.00. All three were approved. Two grants were proposed by the Applegate Partnership Watershed Council; the third was submitted by the Rogue River Watershed Council. The Small Grant Team will skip the grant cycle window of September 16 through 30, 2016 as there is a little over \$40,000 remaining for Small Grants. The next Grant Cycle is December 5 through 19, 2016.

Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC)

Director Dean handed out his report from the Commission meeting that was held on August 15 & 16. He toured the H J Andrews Experimental Forest Research Center on the McKenzie River that is performing experiments with carbon sequestration in forests on fish and amphibian populations. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is waiting for the outcome of a new ballot measure regarding corporate taxation that could have major impacts on the ODA Budget if the ballot passes.

A motion by Director Campbell with a second by Director Niedermeyer to extend the Board Meeting until 6:15 passed unanimously.

Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC)

Director Dean reviewed his report from the RRWC Board Meeting. He highlighted two restoration projects – the Wagner Creek Strategic Implementation Area that is in partnership with the District; and the Little Butte Creek riparian project.

Agenda Build

Larry Martin will present a proposal to the Board at the next Board Meeting. Vector Control will be asked to give a presentation when the mosquito season is over.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Markie Germer

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Official Minutes approved as printed:

Allan Campbell Date 09-21-16

Approved as amended:

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