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**MINUTES NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED**

**July 13, 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  
Marko Bey – Lomakasti  
Brian Barr – Rogue River Watershed Council

Board Chair Campbell opened the Board meeting at 4:03 pm.

Marko Bey, from Lomakasti presented a power point presentation about the history of Lomakasti and the All Forest All Lands Restoration Project in the surrounding areas of the City of Ashland. He and District Manager White will schedule a tour for the Board to see some of the areas treated for fire resiliency.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

**There was a motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Hamann to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2016 Board Meeting.** Director Dean's statement under the Building Committee should read that Director Dean suggested the Architect review and approve the supply list regarding the fence to verify the quality of the materials as stated in the contractors bid. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER REPORTS**

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

**Staff Reports**

Jennifer reported that the Forest & Range Day Camp was a success with 41 children attending the five day camp. She is focusing on getting high school teachers involved in the Envirothon Event and hopes to have regional competition even if the schools don't attend the State or National Envirothon competition.

Paul reported that he helped set up water quality monitoring on the Little Butte Creek for the implementation for an approved grant from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) is sharing its equipment and intern to help with this project. Clint reported that five District Fund projects are completed and are in the financial reimbursement phase.

### **CORRESPONDENT**

A flyer from Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) was passed out to the Board. The flyer invites the Board and Management Staff to half day training on Tuesday, July 26 at the Inn at the Commons. Training topics include *district powers and protections*, and *roles and ethics*. Anyone interested in attending should contact Markie Germer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Building Committee**

District Manager White reported that the owner of Vitus Construction came in to explain that his company had made a mistake on their bid and asked if there was any way that the District could help with the fencing portion of the bid. **A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Rice to authorize the District Manager to accept a change order for approximately \$8,000.00 to compensate for the bid mistake of the fence and to hold firm on the quality of the fencing materials as specified in the original plans. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **District Funds Committee**

Director Niedermeyer reported that one application was submitted this month and was denied because it did not meet the District's criteria of a natural resource concern.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OWEB Grant 216-2059-12386 - Little Butte Creek Water Quality Irrigation Conversion Project**

**A motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Wright to authorize the District Manager to sign the OWEB Grant 216-2059-12386 passed unanimously.**

#### **Ad-hoc Committee**

*Working Farms & Ranches* is now called "*Oregon Agriculture Heritage Program*" and now the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts is a part of that committee. They are forming an Ad-hoc committee and have asked District Manager White and Director Rice to be on that committee.

**A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to allow Director Rice and District Manager White to take part in the Ad-hoc Committee passed unanimously.**

#### **Annual Meeting Resolution**

District Manager White reported that each year the District is required to pass a resolution stating the date, time, and location of the Annual Meeting. He will have the resolution ready for Board approval at the August Board Meeting.

Staff was dismissed at 5:00 pm.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Manager's Briefing**

District Manager White reported that the District received a letter confirming funding of the Governor's Fund in the spring of 2017. Also, he contacted Kelly Madden from the Jackson County Planning Division and she is scheduled for the August Board Meeting to review the county's cannabis ordinances. Mr. White passed out the brief summary from the District's contractor, Angela Boudro, which showed grant monies either already granted or expected to be granted as well as a report on the other activities she has performed for the District this past year.

#### **NRCS**

There were no reports from NRCS

**Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD)/Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB).**

Director Niedermeyer reported that the next OWEB Small Grant Cycle is from July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 31, 2016.

**Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC)**

Director Rice reported that she attended Resources and People (RAP) camp at Esther Applegate campground. RAP camp celebrated 25 years this year. Director Wright helped at the camp this year. Director Rice also noted that the July 8<sup>th</sup> Capital Press had an article about the cannabis grower, William Simpson, that she had reported on couple of months ago, after taking a tour of his cannabis farm.

**Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC)**

Director Dean had nothing to report since the District’s Board Meeting was changed to an earlier date due to the Jackson County Fair and that the Watershed Council Board Meeting wasn’t until July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Director’s received their Candidate Packet for Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Director Elections. This year six of the seven Directors are up for re-election in November. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Markie Germer.

**Agenda Build**

Vector Control is still on the District’s radar to come and speak to the Board later this year.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Markie Germer* \_\_\_\_\_

Markie Germer

Official Minutes approved as printed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as amended:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_