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**MINUTES NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED**

**January 18, 2017**  
**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 - Absent  
Stan Dean – Director - Absent

**Staff & Guests**

Randy White – District Manager  
Markie Germer – Administrative Secretary  
Jen Sawtell – Education & Outreach Coordinator  
Kora Mousseaux – Urban Planner  
Peter Winnick – Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)  
Tom Dover – Rogue River Watershed Council

Board Chair Campbell opened the Board meeting at 4:00 pm.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The attending newly elected Directors (Directors Hamann, Hillers, Niedermeyer, and Rice) took the oath of office and signed the oath document. Directors Dean and Wright will take the oath of office at the February Board Meeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A motion by Director Niedermeyer asked that the secretary cast a unanimously ballot for the current slate of officers which are Chair, Allan Campbell; Vice Chair, Barbara Niedermeyer; Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Hillers. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA**

Paul DeMaggio & Clint Nichols will give the presentation on the Abbey Lane Project at the next Board Meeting. District Manager White does not have enough information on employee retirement options at this time. He should have more details by the next Board meeting.

**MINUTES**

**A motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Niedermeyer to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2016 Board Meeting passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER REPORTS**

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

**STAFF SUCCESS STORIES**

Kora reported that since starting at JSWCD, the City of Talent's riparian project has been completed. There are more projects initially started by the previous Urban Planner and Kora is working closely with the clients as they complete their projects.

Jen reported that the Annual Celebration is still in the planning stages but it will be sometime in February or March. As soon as a venue is secured she will e-mail the Board with the details.

At 5 pm staff was excused.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

District Manager White pointed out that the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) newsletter included the letter that they signed along with other agriculture groups addressed to President-elect Trump. This letter was in response to the monument proclamation enacted by President Obama and the need for Congress to revise and limit the Antiquities Act. Jackson County has a Land Use Plan and went on record against the monument. Government entities such as JSWCD can request a "seat at the table" when proposals like the monument arise, if JSWCD has a Land Use Plan. A discussion followed and Director Niedermeyer suggested that the District Manager put together a summary on what would be needed for the District to adopt a Land Use Plan. It was suggested that he look at the County's Land Use Plan to see if some of their plan could be used for the District Plan. The Board concurred.

District Manager White also shared the Director Training announcement from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Director Dean will attend this workshop.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

**A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Rice to accept the current Vision and Mission Statements in the Strategic Plan, as stated passed unanimously.**

For the next Board Meeting, the Directors should bring any edits on the body of the Strategic Plan. The changes to the strategic plan are far enough along for Staff to start their bi-annual plans now.

**NRCS**

Peter Winnick, Soil Conservationist for NRCS, reported that they are continuing to take applications for all of their programs. They are also working on new conservation strategies.

**OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD (OWEB) SMALL GRANTS**

Director Niedermeyer reported that the OWEB Small Grant Team met on January 12, 2017 to review the five applications submitted. Four applications were funded but because there were not enough funds available, the fifth applicant was asked to resubmit. The next application window is from April 16 through April 30, 2017. Only \$413.00 remain of the \$100,000 allocated for this area.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION (SWCC)**

District Manager White reported that Director Dean will be attending the SWCC meeting as well the Curry County SWCD Board Meeting – both meetings are in February.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

*Markie Germer*

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Official Minutes approved as printed:

*Allan Campbell* Date *02-15-17*

Approved as amended:

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