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September 19, 2018

**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 - Absent
Marilyn Rice – Director
Juanita Wright – Director
Stan Dean – Director
Gordon Jones – Associate Director
Pam Hillers – Associate Director

Staff & Guests

Markie Germer – Administrative Specialist
Kora Mousseaux – Urban Planner
Clint Nichols – Rural Planner
Jenna Sanford – Natural Resource Technician
Karelia Ver Eecke – Education & Outreach Coordinator
Randy White – District Manager
Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner
Tom Dover – Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC)

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

Commissioner Roberts had nothing to report at this time.

AGENDA

District Manager White asked to add to the agenda the appointment of Pam Hillers to the Personnel Committee. **A motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Wright to appoint Pam Hillers to the Personnel Committee passed unanimously.**

MINUTES

A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Hillers to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2018 Board Meeting passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORTS

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Wright to accept the August Treasurers report as presented passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Jenna reported that she is continuing the water monitoring and has spent a lot of time with photo monitoring in Antelope Creek. Kora stated she is working on grants and helping with the Penninger Fire Restoration Project. Clint said a lot of his time has been spent working on the Penninger Project. Karelia submitted an article for the Medford "Sneak Peak" publication regarding the many agencies and organizations working on Penninger Fire Restoration Project and the first call for volunteers. The publication is distributed to 40,000 residents in the Medford.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were two handouts included in the Board Packet: A fact sheet Disaster Assistance for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and an update from John Keith, Executive Director of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, regarding the November Strategic Planning Meeting and a survey that Districts have been asked to complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Update

District Manager White reported that Advanced Air won the bid to replace the HVAX units and the work should begin next week.

District Funds Committee Update

District Manager White reported that two District Fund applications were submitted. Both were recommended by the Committee. The total cost for the Penninger Restoration Project application is \$30,722.00 and the other application was for a Bee Regenerative Pasture Project is for \$10,000.00.

Personnel Committee Update

District Manager White reported that the District received two applications for the Office Assistant position and the Personnel Committee will be meeting sometime next week to interview them.

Topic papers for OACD Fall Strategic Planning Review OACD Survey

The handout titled "OACD Advocacy That Promotes Natural Resource Stewardship Issue Paper" was included in the Board Packets. District Manager White outlined for the Board, the OACD November 14th and 15th Strategic Planning Meeting and the purpose of the meeting.

Directors Dean, Niedermeyer, Rice and District Manager White plan on attending the meeting.

Staff was dismissed at 5pm. Commissioner Roberts and Gordon Jones also left the meeting at 5pm.

As a group, the Board responded to the OACD Survey answering the questions as follows:

1. *From your perspective, what has been the benefit(s) that your district has received from OACD in the past two years? Please select all that apply.*

ANSWER: a. Promoting Positive action with stakeholders & partners
b. Advocating for SWCD
c. Fostering communication, collaboration & cooperation
d. Other – teleconferencing

2. *What motivates your district to work with other districts on problems or opportunities that you have in common? Please select all that apply.*

ANSWER: a. Improved efficiency
b. Learn of new or best practices
c. Relationship building
d. Other – Need to look into having more flexibility with ODA SOW capacity funds to work across district boundaries.

3. *Please rank the following mechanisms in terms of their value for helping your district collaborate and/or communicate with other districts and partners. Rank your top choice as "1" and your second choice as "2" and so on.*

ANSWER: 1. Monthly conference call
2. Issue specific meeting/conferences calls
3. Annual Meeting
4. Basin meetings
5. Policy Resolutions
6. Surveys & requests for input issues and/or legislation
7. Periodic news emails or newsletters

4. How well does OACD's current basin structure meet your District's needs? A 0 means "not at all," & 100 means "extremely well."

ANSWER: a. 10

5. How well does OACD's current Board structure meet your District's needs? A 0 means "not at all," & 100 means "extremely well."

ANSWER: a. 10

6. In your opinion, how relevant is the current basin structure to effectively enable communication between Districts & input to OACD?

ANSWER: a. Not well COMMENT: Not well but could be if property structured in the future.

7. What other ways would you prefer to enable Districts to communicate between themselves & provide input to OACD? Check all that apply.

ANSWER: a. As-needed resource issue resolution teams (e.g., juniper, sage grouse, Ag heritage, etc.)

b. Redraw basin boundaries (e.g., resource issues – riparian, upland, wildlife habitat, etc. within similar drainages.)

8. Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns about how OACD can serve your district more effectively?

ANSWER: a. Continued teleconferences

9. From what perspective are you responding to this survey?

ANSWER: a. Aggregated response from full Board. COMMENT: Board collaboration on this survey.

District Manager White will submit the answers to the on-line survey tomorrow.

Tom Dover left the meeting at 5:30 pm

Cancel November Board Meeting due to OACD Meeting Conflict?

A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Rice to cancel the November Board Meeting due to the conflict with the OACD Meeting passed unanimously.

Managers Briefing

District Manager White reported that the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is opening a new Strategic Implementation Area (SIA). A group of partners toured the Evans Creek area as a possibility for the new SIA on Monday, September 17th.

OWEB

There were no OWEB reports at this time.

SWCC

There was nothing new to report at this time.

RRWC

Director Dean reminded the Board of the RRWC's annual celebration on October 20th at the Inn at the Commons. Go on-line to register.

NRAC

There was nothing to report at this time.

Agenda Build

District Manager White will invite Brian Barr and Bob Jones to the October Board Meeting to discuss the possible merger of the Applegate Watershed Council and Seven Basins Watershed Council.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Markie Germer

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Official Minutes approved as printed: _____

Allan Campbell

Date

10-17-18

Approved as amended: _____

Date _____