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February 15th, 2023
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting

Directors, Associates

In attendance:

Stan Dean – Chair
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair
Don Hamann – Director
Frank Baratta – Director
Nicky Webb Smith – Director
Gordon Jones – Director Emeritus
Juanita Wright – Director Emeritus
Ron Hillers – Secretary/Treasurer
Pam Hillers – Associate Director

Zoom:

Katelyn Detweiler – Director

Staff:

In attendance:

Randy White – Executive Director
Trevor Morris – Business Manager

Excused:

Hannah Satein – Education and Outreach Coordinator
Jenna Sanford – Stewardship Monitoring Coordinator
Kora Mousseaux – Community Water Resource
Conservationist
Paul DeMaggio – Soil & Water Conservation Engineer
Meghan Montgomery – Agriculture Resource
Conservationist
Clint Nichols – Riparian Resource Conservationist –
Kim Ingram – Office Assistant

Guests:

In attendance:

Director Dean called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Niedermeyer to approve the January 18th, 2023, minutes, and the January treasurers report passed with minor amendments.

Director Niedermeyer stated that Gordon Jones was listed twice on the attendance list. She also mentioned that a time needed to be put next to Director Baratta's name.

Legislative Update

Director Dean reported that a letter for the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Incentive program was supported and is going forward. Director Dean drafted additional letters to support two high priority bills, the natural climate solutions as well as the healthy soils initiative.

Budget Calendar

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Webb-Smith to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Calendar passed with amendments.

Director Emeritus Jones mentioned that the calendar referenced the Mail Tribune which is no longer. Trevor stated that he would update the budget calendar to reflect a certified newspaper.

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Executive Director White mentioned that Resolution 22-02/105 appointed the Business Manager as the Budget Officer indefinitely.

Senate Bill 775

Director Dean reported that this is the bill that talks about Director eligibility. If the county is above the population threshold land-based requirements for SWCD directors are gone. There is also a piece that states that if you are above the population threshold, you do not have to live in the zone to represent the zone. Director Dean suggests giving the SWCD's the decision to make their own choice based on the options available. Director Dean included a draft letter as well as a rewritten statute for Board review and consensus. The Board supported Director Deans proposal.

Director Training

Director Dean urged Board members to attend the Director training on February 22nd located at the JSWCD meeting room. This is a regional meeting and would be a great opportunity for JSWCD Board members to network with other Districts. Executive Director White asked the Board to let him know who would be in attendance.

REPORTS

OWEB – Small Grant Team

Director Niedermeyer reported that they did not receive any applications. The next window will be open February 14th through the 28th. There is roughly \$31,000 remaining.

OACD

Director Dean stated that OACD is still looking for an Executive Director.

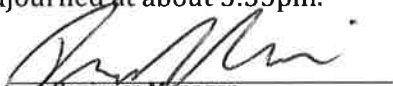
SWCC

Director Dean stated they met last Wednesday and Thursday, Executive Director White sent out the meeting notes to the Board via email.

Executive Session

Director Dean called the meeting to Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(a) at 4:35pm

Following executive session, the Board reconvened at approximately 5:50pm. **There was a motion by Director Webb Smith with a second by Director Niedermeyer to select Jill Smedstad as the preferred candidate for the Executive Director position and to authorize the Chair of the Board to work with Jill to establish the terms for employment.** The motion passed unanimously with Director Detweiler not present. The meeting was adjourned at about 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by: 
Business Manager

Minutes approved as printed:

 Date 3-15-23

Approved as amended:

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