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MINUTES NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED

July 19th, 2023
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting

Directors, Associates

In attendance:

Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair
Frank Baratta – Director
Ron Hillers – Secretary/Treasurer
Pam Hillers – Associate Director
Nicky Webb-Smith – Director

Staff:

In attendance:

Jill Smedstad – Executive Director
Paul DeMaggio – Soil and Water Conservation Engineer
Clint Nichols – Riparian Resource Conservationist
Meghan Montgomery – Forest Resource Conservationist
Kim Ingram – Office Assistant

Zoom:

Hannah Satein – Education and Outreach Coordinator
Kora Mousseaux - Community Water Resource Conservationist
Josh Bilbao – Agricultural Resource Conservationist

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

A motion by Director Webb-Smith with a second by Director Baratta to approve the June 21st, 2023, meeting minutes passed unanimously.

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Webb-Smith to approve the June treasurer's report passed unanimously.

Quarterly Staff Report

Executive Director Smedstad reported that she is continuing work on the planning that was embedded in the Strategic Plan as well as establishing several internal work groups to include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Project/Data Management Software, Safety, and Conservation Assistance Program.

Paul DeMaggio reported that he has spent much of his time in this last quarter working on the Phillips Ditch pipeline project in the Applegate. They are getting ready to put in the final touches on the design and cost estimates and are going out to bid this quarter.

Meghan reported that in the last quarter she wrapped up the South Obenchain Fire Restoration Projects. She is working on launching Western Oregon Cascades Recovery Effort (WOCRE) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP): outreach, intake, applications as well as writing and submitting an Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) to Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for forest restoration-wildfire hazard mitigation and drinking water source protection, collaborating with Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Medford Water Commission (MWC), and NRCS. She is working with ODF (primarily) and other partners to submit proposals to the Western States Fire Managers program and SB762 Landscape Restoration Program to fund forest restoration-wildfire hazard mitigation work in the same project footprint as the EQIP CIS.

Respectfully submitted by:  Business Manager

Minutes approved as printed:



Date 8-16-23

Approved as amended:

_____ Date _____