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July 25, 2018

**Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District  
(JSWCD)  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Directors**

Allan Campbell – Chair  
Don Hamann – Director - Absent  
Ron Hillers – Director – Treasurer/Secretary  
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair –Arrived 4:21pm  
Marilyn Rice – Director  
Juanita Wright – Director  
Stan Dean – Director  
Gordon Jones – Associate Director- Absent  
Pam Hillers – Associate Director

**Staff & Guests**

Paul DeMaggio – Soil & Water Engineer  
Markie Germer – Administrative Specialist  
Kora Mousseaux – Urban Planner  
Clint Nichols – Rural Planner  
Jenna Sanford – Natural Resource Technician  
Randy White – District Manager  
Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner  
Charlie Boyer – Guest Speaker  
Lin Reinhart – Guest Speaker

Board Chair Campbell opened the Board meeting at 4:00 pm and introductions were made.

**WOLF PRESENTATION**

Lin Bernhardt and Charlie Boyer gave a presentation on wolves and the problems they present to ranchers in the Rogue Valley. Both Lin and Charlie are looking for alternatives. Nobody knows how many wolves are in the area. An article was passed around titled *“When cattle go missing in wolf territory, who should pay the price?”* The Oregon compensation program passed by the legislature has set aside \$200,000 per biennium and right now covers ten counties in Oregon. Out of the \$200,000, 30% goes for non-lethal deterrents and the rest is for compensation to ranchers. Charlie stated that if the northeastern counties were compensated for their suggested losses, there would be no money left of the \$200,000. Jackson County has a wolf committee that is mandated to handle compensation of documented losses and they don't have money for a non-lethal deterrent program. In order for a rancher to get compensated, the rancher has to show that a certain amount of non-lethal deterrents were used. Charlie said that the County wolf committee is not interested in getting involved in the aspects of non-lethal deterrents. Lin showed a short video about the Wood River Wolf Project from Idaho. This is a model that could be applied to Jackson County. Lin stated that the local wolf committee was told by the county attorney that they cannot try to find funding to help with non-lethal deterrents as it is not in their scope of work. Lin said there are many organizations that are willing to help with the non-lethal methods. Lin and Charlie are looking for help from the District: they would like endorsement from the District. They would like a place to answer a phone. Also, someone to help with a little copying and mailing, and a filing cabinet. Questions: Mr. White asked why legal counsel is saying that the committee cannot look for more funding. Commissioner Roberts answered that the committee is still working on their bylaws and rules and that there are state guidelines that the committee must follow. Mr. White stated that Jackson County Stockmen Association should be involved in this. Commissioner Roberts will try to find out more information on the committee. Director Dean feels that if the District were to endorse this, there should be staff involved with the organization and if there is staff available to work on another project. The Board will discuss the topic at a later time. Lin and Charlie left the meeting.

**Staff Reports**

Clint wanted to make the Board aware of the project that Kora and Clint have stated as a result of the Central Point Fire. The District was already working with Rogue Valley Council of Governments at the

Expo on riparian restoration. Since the fire helped with blackberry removal as well as burning some fields, Clint and Kora are developing a strategy to continue the riparian restoration and help with seed planting on the burnt fields. They have contacted the County, Expo, and Fire District 3 who are on board to help. This will be a great opportunity to educate the public. Clint will be handling the riparian portion and Kora will contact landowners that have been affected by the fire. They have looked into funding such as Oregon Water Enhancement Board (OWEB), Blue Sky, and other sources.

The District would give technical support and RVCOG would be the one applying for the funding. District Manager White talked about the SIA Wagner Tour and the excellent handout that Karelia created. Director Dean wanted to mention that the Wagner Creek Tour was very good. He would like to see these tours be shorter and suggested not to put so much time up front with the brochure and lunch. He said forget the lunch and just give a tour. Director Wright said that weekends and late afternoons would be work for her. Kora spoke on behalf of Karelia who was on vacation about the success of Day Camp. Karelia created a small journal for each camper to record what they learned each day. She included pictures of birds, animals, reptiles, trees, and leaves that the campers would be seeing during each day's activities. District Manager White expanded on how well Karelia handled the parents, campers and the smoke.

Staff was dismissed at 5:00 pm.

### **Commissioner Roberts Report**

She reported that Country Crossings will be performing at the Expo starting tomorrow and through the weekend. The County has been doing extra watering around the area due to the high fire risk. And it will be watered twice a day while the event is on. She attended a fire update. There are currently 13 large wild fires in Oregon. National Guard has been called out help the Gardner fire.

### **AGENDA**

Director Dean asked that under Correspondence and just for the record it should be noted that the letter to the County about Rain Garden Issues was mailed.

### **MINUTES**

**A motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Wright to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2018 Board Meeting with the following corrections: under OWEB the amount should be \$40,000 not \$4,000. Under Personnel Policy on page 3 omit the first "director" as it is written twice. Director Dean thinks that the last paragraph on page 3 the statement was made by Director Wright and not Director Dean. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **TREASURER REPORTS**

**A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Hamann to accept the July Treasurers report as presented passed unanimously.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Director Dean reported that the letter to the County on the rain garden issues was signed by Director Campbell and mailed to the County.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Building Update**

There is nothing to report at this time.

#### **District Funds Committee Update**

Director Niedermeyer reported the Committee met today to review and recommend 11 District Funds applications. They recommended 5 applications that equal to almost \$30,000. Director Dean would like to see a spreadsheet showing who was funded, how much, and what the project was. District Manger White has already been working on a spreadsheet showing the detail. He will present it to the Board when completed.

#### **Personnel Committee Update**

Director Wright reported that the Personnel Committee met to review raises and worked on the Personnel Procedure for internal promotions.

**Director Elections – update**

District Manager White reminded the Directors who is up for re-election and that the deadline is August 28th.

**Managers Briefing**

District Manager White had nothing more to add to the Manager’s updates. The Manager’s update was not included in the Board Packet but was handed out at this meeting. He is still working on the Basin Realignment paper with Brian Lightcap.

**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)**

The small grant team received less than \$30,000 of unused funds from previous years. This will go toward some grant applications that were approved but not funds due to low funds. On August 9th the team will meet to review applications.

**SWCC**

Director Dean had nothing to report at this time.

**RRWC**

Director Dean reported on the Eagle Point Lagoon project. He thought this project would be a great project to tour.

**NRAC**

Director Campbell reported that the next meeting is in September.

**Board Discussion on the Wolf Presentation**

Director Hillers feels that the District’s emphasis is on Soil and Water not wolves. Director Wright was not clear on the presenter’s requests. She does not understand what their program was. She sees a disconnect with the County Wolf Committee and what the presenters want to do. Director Wright stated that if there was a staff member answering a phone, they would need more knowledge and expertise on wolf issues. District Manager White would like to have Commissioner Dyer (liaison to County Wolf Committee) come to a Board Meeting to explain what the Committee can and can’t do, also invite Lin Bernhardt and Charlie Boyer. The Board agreed that the County committee should be the one handling wolf issues. The Stockman Association should help with these matters. Gordon Jones asked if the District needs to be the host for these conversations. Commissioner Roberts said she will talk to Commissioner Dyer about these issues then have Commissioner Dryer take this information to the Wolf Committee and let the Wolf Committee reach out to the stockmen group and Lin and Charlie. It was stated that as far as a District staff member answering the phone and doing copying and mailings, Lin or Charlie could do this out of their own home. Director Dean suggested that we tell the presenters that we don’t see a compelling reason for the District to take the lead and that the District thinks it should be centralized in one group but if the Commissioners and Stockman Association thinks differently let them make the decision for them to come to the Board.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Markie Germer

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Official Minutes approved as printed: Allan Campbell 3<sup>rd</sup> Date 08-15-18

Approved as amended: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_