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October 16, 2019
**Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting Minutes**

Directors

Allan Campbell – Chair
Stan Dean
Don Hamann -
Ron Hillers – Treasurer/Secretary
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair
Dave Picanso – Absent
Juanita Wright
Pam Hillers – Associate Director
Gordon Jones – Associate Director -
Absent

Staff & Guests

Paul DeMaggio – Soil & Water Conservation Engineer
(SWCE)
Markie Germer – Administrative Specialist
Trevor Morris – Natural Resource Technician /Office
Assistant (NRT/OA)
Jenna Sanford – Stewardship Monitoring Coordinator
(SMC)
Randy White – District Manager
Brian Barr- Rogue River Watershed Council
Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner

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

Paul gave a presentation that showed the progress of the Bradshaw Drop Irrigation Project using *Story Map*. JSWCD hired Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) who have drones and experts on Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping programs. They created a *Story Map* using photos, written explanations, and drone videos that covered the 3-1/2 mile-long project. *Story Map* is from ERSI, who create the GIS mapping programs. This is on the District's web-site. *Story Map* can be added to as the project progresses. The drones can go back to the exact location, using GIS coordinates, at a later date and show updates as the project moves forward.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Colleen Roberts is not here. Director Campbell announced that the next NRAC meeting is scheduled for November 12 at 2pm. The meeting is open to the public.

AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

MINUTES

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Wright to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2019 Board Meeting as submitted passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORTS

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Dean to accept the October 2019 Treasurer reports as presented passed unanimously. A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Dean to accept the Quarterly Budget vs Actual Financial Report as presented passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Trevor reported that he has been out on a couple of site visits with Clint and Paul. He is attending the nine week Oregon State University (OSU) Land Steward Course. He reminded everyone that the American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th, here in the conference room. Jenna said that she completed the last PSP sampling and next week she will pull out the data loggers for the season. In the coming months, she will be looking at the data that has been collected. She has been preparing for the Penninger Fire field trip on October 29th. Paul reported that he received the final signature and plans for the Lower Bradshaw Project which is a center pivot project on 24 acres. Installation will begin within the next couple of weeks. Paul completed the measurements for the Gold Hill Irrigation District (GHID). He will be surveying and getting elevation data to help with the significant leakage problem all along the canal system.

Colleen Roberts arrived at 4:22 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Update

Nothing to report at this time.

Equipment Committee Update

District Manager White said that he would be looking into purchasing a small utility trailer to haul the rental equipment for next year.

District Funds Committee Update

The committee met last Friday and approved the District Funds Application with some changes to the request. The project included approximately 3-plus acres that addresses fuels reduction, juniper removal, and invasive species removal. The committee approved \$800.00 per acre for fuels reduction. The committee feels that projects like this need to be simplified into a rebate or incentive program. The committee and staff will be working on this in the future.

Personnel Committee Update

The deadline for the Agricultural Resource Conservationist's job posting is October 18th. This was advertised at 28 universities, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), and the Oregon Association of Conservation Partnerships, as well as on the internet. To date the District has received three applications. A copy of the applications will be mailed to the committee for their review. The committee will meet to discuss the applicants at a date not yet determined.

Legislative Update

Director Dean had nothing to report at this time.

Trevor left the meeting at 4:30 pm.

OACD Update

The OACD position statements are in the Board packets. Director Dean said that now is the opportunity for the District to make comments on the position statements which are due November 15th. Director Hamann thought it was a good document. Pam Hillers liked how the document addressed the natural resource programs at the higher level and how it could be rolled down to the districts. Director Dean said that once this is approved by the OACD Board, the district should develop their own position statements using the OACDs as a model but tailored to district programs.

Jenna and Paul left the meeting at 4:32 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Zone Boundary Change

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is updating and creating new certified boundary and zone maps for SWCDs. They proposed to realign Zone 2 and 5. ODA needs Board approval to make the realignment change. The Board had many questions about the proposal and wanted to see the statute that regulates zone boundaries. District Manager White will bring back a higher resolution map that shows townships, ranges, and roads and more information about the statute to the next Board Meeting. **A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Wright to table the zone boundary change until more information and a better map is available for a Board decision. The motion passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan 2019-2023

The Board discussed and agreed on several changes to the Strategic Plan. **A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Niedermeyer to tentatively approve the Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023 with the changes discussed, which authorizes staff to develop work plans accordingly. Send the final draft electronically to the Board for review and then formally approve the plan at the next Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Collen Roberts left the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Board of Directors - Responsibilities, Expectations & Job Descriptions

A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Hillers to approve the Board of Directors - Responsibilities, Expectations & Job Descriptions with the changes as discussed and corrected by the Board passed unanimously.

BOARD, & RRWC REPORTS

MANAGER'S BRIEFING

District Manager White had nothing to add to his Manager's Update that was in the Board Packet.

OWEB

Brian Barr reported that the Small Grant Team has doubled in size. It includes two Indian tribes, four watershed councils, and three SWCDs. The next application window is from December 6th through 20th.

RRWC

Brian Barr reported on some of the activities that the Watershed Council is working on. John Speece is working on riparian plantings by Ashland Creek and by Indian Creek in Shady Cove. The Watershed Council partnered with several agencies on the Bear Creek Cleanup Event and the Upper Rogue. They had approximately 300 participants and hauled away about six tons of trash. The Council's Annual Celebration is on October 26th at the Inn at the Commons and the Board is welcome. The District has purchased a table and there are three spaces available if anyone is interested.

AGENDA BUILD

Director Dean would like to put on the agenda in the coming months, the management projects he and Randy are working on. This is not for a decision but to inform the Board .

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Submitted by the minute taker: Markie Hermer

Official Minutes approved as printed: Alban Campbell Date 11-20-19

Approved as amended: _____ Date _____