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**September 16, 2020
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting**

Directors, Associates

Allan Campbell – Chair
Don Hamann – Director - Arrived 4:18 pm
Ron Hillers – Director - Secretary/Treasurer
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair
Dave Picanso – Director - Absent
Juanita Wright – Director - Absent
Stan Dean – Director
Pam Hillers – Associate Director
Gordon Jones – Associate Director – via Zoom

Staff & Guests

Randy White – District Manager
Markie Germer – Administrative Specialist
Richard Brewster - CPA

Via ZOOM:

Kora Mousseaux – via Zoom
Bob Jones – RRWC liaison – via Zoom

Board Chair Campbell opened the meeting at 4:00 pm. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Chair Campbell led a brief prayer for the fire victims and emergency workers.

Richard Brewster, CPA, presented the District's Annual Audit. He informed the Board that the District has satisfied all the required rules and regulations of the State pertaining to finances, grants, public contracting, and insurances, etc. He went on to say the District's internal controls are in place and work well for the organization.

Minutes

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Dean to approve the minutes from August 19, 2020 JSWCD Board Meeting passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Dean to accept the August treasurer's reports as presented passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Kora reported that she went on a few sites visits. She has been helping her father since he lost his house in the Alameda fire.

NRCS Report

Peter Winnick, acting District Conservationist, reported that they have 18 contracts for the 2020 year. As for continuing projects, the Greensprings (Forest Health & Fuels Reduction) has two years left and one more year on the Bradshaw Drop project. He has been working with many agencies on a new Conservation Implementation Strategy Program (CIS)

NRCS Report (Continued)

along with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) application starting in Colman Creek area and continuing to Jacksonville. It is called the West Bear All-Lands Restoration Project. Emergency programs that NRCS offers include: Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) for repairing and rebuilding farmland. The Environmental Quality Implementation Program (EQIP) is for improving water quality, soil health, and erosion control. Also, FSA offers the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), it is a program that also involves repairing farmland after a natural disaster.

Building Update

There was nothing to report.

Equipment Committee

The Committee will meet (no date has been set yet) to discuss the weed wiper and a trailer.

District Funds Committee

There was nothing to report.

Personnel Committee

District Manager White reported that the Personnel Committee meeting was cancelled due to the fires but will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Legislature Update

There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

OACD Legislative Priorities

Director Dean made a motion to accept the four OACD Legislative Input Forms that include: Oregon Agriculture Heritage Program, Wildlife Mitigation and Fuels Reduction, Funding SWCDs and Natural Resource Conservation, and ODFW Wildlife Habitat Conservation & management Program. They will be submitted to OACD. The motion was seconded by Director Hillers and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Technical & Financial Resources Priority Assessment

District Manager White talked about the fires and the meeting tomorrow that will try to assess the resources that other agencies are able to commit to the restoration effort. He also talked about shifting staff resources and reprioritizing the funding opportunities to help with the efforts. District Manager White asked if there were any objections to this proposal and there were no objections from the Board.

Manager's Briefing

There was nothing to report.

OWEB

There was nothing to report.

OACD

Director Dean said that the OACD Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020. Also, the Advocacy Training was cancelled due to the fires, but it has been rescheduled for tomorrow, September 17th. There are about 15 people signed up for this training. A new committee for working lands was formed and Director Dean will have more information about it once they have their first meeting.

SWCC

Director Dean stated that the next meeting is set for November 16 & 17, 2020. The results from the Director Eligibility Survey are being compiled.

RRWC

Bob Jones reported that Watershed Council is preparing for the Celebrate the Rogue Event starting October 1st.

NRAC

There was nothing to report.

Agenda Build

Director Dean would like to have a discussion on climate change with the Board on a future agenda. District Manager White suggested an AdHoc committee be formed to delve into the complexity of the topic and bring issues and options back to the Board - perhaps on a white paper. The AdHoc Committee can include members outside the District. The topic of climate change will be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting to figure out how the Board should move forward. Bob Jones suggested the committee should figure out what CAN the District do, not the controversy that climate change creates.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Markie Germer

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Minutes approved as printed:

_____ *Allan Campbell* Date 11-18-20

Approved as amended:

_____ Date _____