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April 25, 2018

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

Directors

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

Staff & Guests

Paul DeMaggio – Soil & Water Engineer
Markie Germer – Administrative Specialist
Kora Mousseaux – Urban Planner
Clint Nichols – Rural Planner
Sophia Roesch – Office Assistant
Jenna Sanford – Natural Resource Technician
Karelia Ver Eecke – Education & Outreach Coordinator
Randy White – District Manager
Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner
Pam Hiller – Citizen
Josh LeBombard - Southern Oregon Regional Representative with the Community Services Division of the Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development, at the Southern Oregon Regional Solution Center

Board Chair Campbell opened the Board meeting at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

Urban Growth Boundaries

Josh LeBombard talked about how Urban Growth Boundaries work differently for city and county. The Regional Problem Solving Committee first met in 2010 and included the six surrounding cities and many stakeholders like Rogue River Valley Sewer Services and Rogue Valley Transportation District along with irrigation districts and school districts. The goal was to work on a planning process to help resolve land use problems. The Committee established some long-termed planning over the next 50 years in anticipation of the doubling of the valley's population. There are two Urban Reserves with in the Urban Growth Boundaries in the valley. One is Chrissy Park and the other is Prescott Park equaling 1,900 acres. The plan was to control sprawl and protect farmland. An urban growth proposal have three processes; first city, then county and, then state. Paul DeMaggio asked about landowner water rights when urban growth boundaries change. Josh answered by stating that Irrigation Districts are part of the process. Randy White stated that the District has a place in the process if the Board chooses. Commissioner Roberts said she would keep the Board informed on the subject as warranted. Director Dean suggested that the District start small and develop standing positions a little at a time. Josh excused himself from the meeting at 4:40 pm.

AGENDA

Director Dean requested time under Old Business to discuss Cooperative Agreement with NRCS and OACD. District Manager White asked for time under New Business to appoint Pam Hillers as an Associate Director.

MINUTES

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A motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Dean to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2018 Board Meeting as presented passed unanimously.

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TREASURER REPORTS

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Hamann to accept the March Treasurers report as presented passed unanimously. The Quarterly Financial Report was included in the Board Packet for Board review. Director Dean asked about the amount of the general grant fund. District Manager White explained that the amount is a place holder so the District doesn't have to go through the process of creating another fund if unexpected funds come in.

STAFF REPORTS

Karelia said she is working on the Day Camp event scheduled from July 16th through the 20th. Half the spots are already filled.

Karelia handed out the revised Living Handbooks. The new book is now called the *Natural Resource Stewardship Handbook*. It combines the Rural & Urban Living Handbooks into one compact publication for Jackson County residents. Karelia thanked District staff for their help and input. She also acknowledged Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC) personnel for their input in updating of the handbook. District Manager White complimented Karelia for her spearheading and her gentle ramrodding all those involved with the new handbook. Karelia also announced that the RRWC, Rogue River Valley Irrigation District (RRVID) and the District are organizing a tour for both Boards to see the Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) projects in Wagner Creek and Neil Creek. If successful, the tour would then be opened to the public and the media. Clint announced that he volunteered and was voted in as the CONNECT's Southwest Region Board Member. Jenna said she is gearing up for the next water quality monitoring season. Paul reported that the Bradshaw Drop Hopkins Canal project is now funded. RRVID will be going out to bid for the pipeline portion that is three plus miles and expects to have the pipe installed by October. Erin Kurtz from Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) submitted the Conservation Implementation Strategies (CIS) application for the Bradshaw Drop project to convert 500 acres from flood to sprinkler. This will also allow individual landowners to convert through the NRCS process. Paul explained he is working with the Applegate Partnership to submit an OWRD grant application for a fish barrier & a ditch improvement project that will cover about three miles.

Staff was dismissed at 5 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board Packet included the Rogue River Watershed Council Quarterly Project Status Report and a letter from Marion SWCD regarding the 2018 OACD Annual Meeting at CONNECT for the Board to read.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Update

District Manager White reported that the electronic gates have been installed and are working. They are heavy duty commercial grade gates with remotes. There is a remote in each District vehicle and three remotes were given to the Federal agencies in the building for their federal vehicles.

District Funds Committee Update

No District Funds Applications were submitted this month and the committee had nothing to report.

Personnel Committee Update

Performance evaluations are coming up and the Personnel Committee will meet to discuss and recommend grade and step increases.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooperative Agreement with OACD & NRCS

Director Dean reported on the Cooperative Agreement with NRCS. NRCS would like to have one standard agreement for all 45 SWCDs. Director Dean would like to see customized agreements for the SWCDs. Both Director Dean and District Manager White are on a committee to completely review the agreement and give input on how the Cooperative Agreement should be used with the different SWCDs.

There are many sections in the Agreement that do not apply to all the SWCDs. Director Dean would like to know why OACD is involved with the agreement. Shouldn't ODA be involved?

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Director Elections

Three Directors are up for reelection as Board Members. They are Marilyn Rice; Zone 1, Allan Campbell; At Large 1, Stan Dean; At Large 2.

Associate Director

A motion by Director Rice with a second by Director Dean to appoint Pam Hillers as an Associate Director passed unanimously.

Managers Briefing

District Manager White informed the Board of the Southwest Basin Team meeting on May 2 at the Curry SWCD Office. This includes a "Meet & Greet" with the new OACD Executive Director, John Keith. The hope is to have regular basin team meeting in the future.

OWEB

Director Niedermeyer had nothing to report at this time. The Small Grant Team is waiting to see if they will get extra funding. They should know by the end of June.

SWCC

Director Dean submitted a written report that was passed out at the meeting. He had nothing further to report.

RRWC

Director Dean submitted a written report that was included in the Board Packets. He added that the watershed council is looking for more board members who are interested in participating in fund raising activities. On June 9th the watershed council will help with the "Festival of the Rogue" Event in Shady Cove.

NRAC

Commissioner Roberts had nothing to report but noted that the next NRAC meeting will be held on May 8th.

Agenda Build

At the May Board Meeting, the Student Watershed Assessment Team (SWAT) will give a presentation on the monitoring program they have been working on for the past school year. This program is funded by JSWCD.

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: _____ Date _____

Approved as amended: _____ Date _____