



BOARD APPROVED 3/16/2022

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February 16th, 2022  
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District  
(JSWCD)  
Board Meeting

**Directors, Associates**

**In attendance:**

Stan Dean – Chair  
Don Hamann – Director  
Ron Hillers – Secretary/Treasurer  
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair  
Pam Hillers – Associate Director  
Gordon Jones – Director

**In attendance via zoom:**

Nicky Webb Smith – Director

**Absent:**

Allan Campbell – Director

**Staff:**

**In attendance:**

Randy White – District Manager  
Trevor Morris – Business Manager

**In attendance via zoom:**

Meghan Montgomery – Agriculture Resource Conservationist  
Kora Mousseaux – Community Water Resource  
Conservationist

Clint Nichols – Riparian Resource Conservationist  
Jenna Sanford – Stewardship Monitoring Coordinator  
Hannah Satein – Education and Outreach Coordinator

**Absent:**

Markie Germer – Administrative Specialist  
Paul DeMaggio – Soil & Water Conservation Engineer

**NRCS:**

Peter Winnick

**Guests:**

**In attendance via zoom:**

Marcus Kleber  
Scott Goode  
Jan Lee

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

Director Niedermeyer asked to discuss the committee assignments. Director Dean stated we would discuss this in the administration section of the meeting.

**Staff Reports**

Kora reported that she submitted a couple stormwater rebate projects and has a couple other projects in the works. She also said that PSP is getting ready to gear up again. She attended the CARCD following the water tracks throughout the month of January.

Hannah reported that she has been updating and restructuring the website. She has also been working with Meghan and Jenna developing outreach and evaluation plans for the Rogue River Watershed Council and Medford Water Commission to do water quality work in the Upper Rogue. She has been busy with the Southern Oregon Regional Envirothon as well as preparing for the Natural Resources Day Camp.

Meghan reported that she has been busy working in GIS and is trying to identify which properties are appropriate for the program, which includes mapping agricultural lands. She also has been working with Clint and Nick Hale at ODF to start the implementation phases for the small forestland owner grant. We were awarded \$275,000 to treat 270 acres of area that burned in the South Obenchain fire.

Jenna said that she has also been involved with the National Water Quality Initiative. She is currently preparing for field season, updating existing monitoring projects, as well as gearing up for PSP sampling.

Trevor reported that he has been working closely with Randy and Markie to get up to speed with all the financial functions of the District.

Peter joined the meeting at 4:06pm.

### **Climate Change Presentation**

Director Dean asked Director Jones to introduce Marcus Kleber, our 4th in a series of 4 climate change presentations. Dr. Kleber gave a presentation of soil carbon sequestration and how it affects climate change. He talked about CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere and how it is rising globally. He stated that a global warming of 1.5 – 2 degrees Celsius will be exceeded in the 21<sup>st</sup> century unless there are deep reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions in the near future. The greatest obstacle currently preventing us from implementing soil carbon sequestration measures is the lack of a robust, standardized, and affordable technology to measure soil carbon stocks.

Jan Lee, Scott Goode, and Marcus Kleber left at 5:02pm.

### **NRCS**

Peter Winnick updated everyone on the projects that have been going on over the past year. He stated that NRCS is also working closely with landowners in the West Bear project area and are also looking at the Butte Falls area as a possibility in the future. The Local Work Group meeting is scheduled for 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **RRWC**

Director Dean stated that he has joined the RRWC as a board member and may update us on the RRWC in the future. He stated that the Celebrate the Rogue fundraiser will be in person this year on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at the Ashland Springs Hotel from 5-9 p.m. The RRWC is also working on a report card for the Rogue River. This is a long-term project that could potentially take 1-2 years or longer.

### **January Board Meeting Minutes**

**A motion by Director Hamann with a second by Director Jones to approve the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes passed unanimously.** Director Niedermeyer stated that there were three instances where a word was lined through. **A motion by Director Hamann with a second by Director Jones to amend the motion to include the above corrections passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Hamann to accept the January treasurer's reports as presented passed unanimously.** Director Hillers mentioned that he is meeting with Trevor before every board meeting to discuss and review the balance sheet.

### **Committee Discussion**

Director Niedermeyer mentioned that two of the committees, the strategic planning committee as well as the climate change committee have four board members on them, which constitutes a quorum. This requires that a public meeting notice is posted in advance. The Board was informed that the District has and will continue to adhere to all public meeting requirements.

### **SB 1534 Letter of Support and Factsheet**

Director Dean stated that SB 1534 involves the early implementation of climate sequestration out of Oregon's Global Warming Commission proposal on sequestration. That particular bill did make it out of committee last week as was fairly contentious but will probably get pushed all the way through.

### **District Funds Committee**

District Manager White reported that he spoke with Meghan today and that she may have something coming forward in the next month.

### **Personnel Committee**

Director Hiller's reported Trevor had sent a rough draft of a section of the personnel policy to the committee for review. The current text contradicted itself and was made to be better understood. There was also an addition of federal holiday, Juneteenth.

### **Legislative Update**

Director Dean reported that the last two weeks have been moving a little slower right now. A couple of bills that we are tracking closely is HB 4061, which is the enforcement of water rights. This bill has been driven by illegal cannabis operations. This bill would essentially track who is hauling water and where it's going. Those records would then be available for inspection by the Water Master and Oregon Water Resources Department. Two large bills that were pushed through by Senator Golden made it out of committee, SB1502 and SB1534.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

Director Dean stated that the strategic planning committee has a meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> where all willing staff will be involved in an exercise designed to rank natural resource concerns. After this meeting, writing assignments will be given out.

### **2022-2023 Budget Calendar**

**A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hamann to accept the 2022-2023 Budget Calendar passed unanimously.**

### **Budget Officer Resolution 22-02/105**

**A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to approve resolution 22-02/105 appointing the Business Manager as the permanent budget officer passed unanimously.**

### **Manager's Briefing**

District Manager White reported to the board that there were two grants coming forward that may possibly be in the next board packet for review. He will also be visiting with each staff to assess their projects and workloads. The Basin Team Meeting is set for April 28<sup>th</sup> and will be the first one in eight or more years. This will include Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and hopefully Klamath.

### **REPORTS**

#### **OWEB – Small Grant Team**

Director Niedermeyer reported that they have an application window open the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> of February and the review will be March 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OACD**

Director Dean asked how many people receive the newsletter that OACD mails out and stated that there is some great information available. At the end of March, OACD is going to have two webinars. The first one

will be Water Rights 101 and the second will be OACD position statements. The next annual meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be located in Newport. OACD also received a NRCS grant, the grant will help develop a climate hub and will be through the OACD website. This will be an accumulation of climate related information, contacts, projects, and programs.

**SWCC**

The two-day meeting was February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Director Dean said that the first day they continued with their back to basics review which was ORS 568 and encompassed director eligibility issues that occurred a couple years ago. He said they also discussed what the bigger picture vision of what the SWCC is about. The second day they discussed Strategic Implementation Area's. They also discussed regional SIA's and there will be a meeting for input on March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm.

**Agenda Build**

Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Trevor Morris  
Trevor Morris

Minutes approved as printed:

 Date 3-16-22

Approved as amended:

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