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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
March 26, 2015
(Approved April 23, 2015)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Mark Villers.

Board members present:, Mark Villers, Charlie Waterman, Dan Pierce, Ernie Newton, Adela Villers.

Absent board members: Empty zone 5

Staff: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas

Guests present: John Fandell, Amy Wilson (NRCS)

7:12PM: Mark called meeting to order

7:12PM: No introductions needed

7:14PM: Charlie moved to approve the February minutes. Dan second. All in favor

7:15PM: Caley asked if everyone has email so we can start emailing the board packets. Ernie does not have email. Caley offered to help him get set up with email.

Agency Reports:

7:18PM: John Fandell's Treasury Report – John stated there is nothing new to add. John explained Coos SWCD is still under spent with the SOW budget. Charlie suggested asking about carrying over the balance. John stated it needs to be spent by June 30, 2015.

7:20PM: John concluded.

7:21PM: Charlie moved to approve the Treasury Report. Dan second. All in favor.

7:21PM: Amy Wilson's Report (NRCS): see attached for more details
Amy stated \$125,000 was already approved previously for their budget. They were recently given an additional \$165,000. Amy discussed the projects being worked on.

7:41PM: Amy concluded.

7:42PM: Cassie Bouska (OSU Ext) emailed her report since she was unable to attend meeting (see attached). Caley read report to board.

7:46PM: Caley concluded reading Cassie Bouska's report.

7:48PM: Ernie Newton (CWA) passed out his written report (see attached).

7:50PM: Mark discussed Baker Creek

7:52PM: Ernie concluded

7:53PM: Caley gave her report (see attached)

7:55PM: Caley discussed selecting a new focus area.

7:58PM: Caley discussed problems with current grant. She is getting two different measurements for the length of the fence from two different programs. Gallagher fencing said an electric fence wouldn't work due to elk being present.

8:01PM: Marsha DeClaire's stated she cannot use pressure treated wood to be approved to become organic. Mark suggested old growth wood.

8:06PM: Adams Creek has a potential issue if it's DSL or owned by the person on the property.

8:13PM: Caley discussed the two year status reports that are due.

8:28PM: Caley stated we have a potential project on Culver Creek Road

8:29PM: Caley discussed contracting with CWA (Dawn) for grant writing for the October cycle and possibly for help with the North Fork area. Caley also discussed contracting with Alexis for the Wood Creek project.

8:30PM: Caley suggested contacting landowners in the North Fork area before we make a final decision on changing our focus area.

8:33PM: Charlie informed board LAC Board stated it would be helpful if we told the "story" of why our focus area didn't work and to explain the challenges we faced.

8:38PM: Charlie mentioned grants from the Jordan Cove Project for up to \$5000.

8:42PM: Mark wants to know how much SOW we can contract with CWA (Dawn). Caley stated she spoke with Beth about allocating and it was okay. John said to have CWA send us an invoice. The board discussed possible amounts to contract with CWA and Alexis.

8:51PM: Mark asked about the weed wrench. Caley informed the board the person who has it will be returning it on April 8th.

8:40PM: Caley concluded.

8:55PM: Old Business: the board needs to establish a new protocol regarding criminal background checks for all employees and volunteers.

9:00PM: Modena will write something for the criminal background checks and being at will employees. Adela will edit.

9:07PM: Caley passed out Kelly Miles' email with subject line "CWA Action Plan 3.0," which is asking for letters of support from the board.

9:14PM: Mark discussed with the board giving Modena a pay raise. Board decided to raise SOW work done to \$15 an hour and leave office work at the current rate.

9:17PM: Ernie moved to retroactive Modena's pay from the 16th of March to \$15 per hour for SOW work. Charlie second. All in favor.

9:20PM: Caley mentioned the upcoming ARCGIS training for the staff.

9:21PM: Meeting adjorn.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date