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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2025
(Approved March 27, 2025)

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

Board members present at office: Ernie Newton, Jonathan Morse

Board members present on Zoom/Telephone: Adela Villers, Cindy Gant

Absent board members: Mark Villers

Staff present in office: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas

Staff present on Zoom:

Guests present in office: Chris Claire (ODFW), Glen Stoops

Guests present on Zoom:

7:02PM Ernie called the meeting to order.

7:05PM Ernie asked for comments on the January 23, 2025 regular minutes and January 23, 2025 annual meeting minutes

7:05PM Jonathan motioned to approve the January 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 23, 2025 annual meeting minutes. Cindy seconded. Motion carried

7:07PM Introductions

7:07PM Finance Report – Caley

- Went over finance report with Ernie
- Submitted changes to Fandel for corrections
- Caley has not gone through to make sure all corrections have been made
- No major findings of the finance report
- Busy with grant deadlines
- Will be doing budget forecasting in the near future for upcoming grant
 - Due on March 5th
- Caley asked for questions
- We have received some funds disbursements

7:11PM Jonathan motioned to accept the January Finance Report. Cindy seconded. All in favor. Motioned carried.

7:11PM Sale/Purchase work truck

- Talked with Eric
- Need to go through processes for a loan

- We could find a less expensive truck with general fund
- We could sell the truck first
- Most of staff are unable to drive manual vehicle
- Does have moisture inside
- Modena explained doing a seal bid process to sell the truck
- Discussed buying a new (used) work truck

7:19PM Jonathan made a motion to sell the work truck via sealed bid with 70% of Kelly Blue Book value minimum. Adela seconded. All in favor. Motioned carried.

7:27PM Project Committee Meeting projects discussed.

- South Fork fencing and planting
 - Fill in the riparian
 - Opportunity came up because landowner asked for fencing grants
 - Funding came from US Forest Service to ODFW for projects on the South Fork
 - Fencing costs is \$10 per foot
 - \$40,000 available; not enough to cover
 - Pair with small grant to cover extra costs
- Other projects are SIA projects
- Project committee makes recommendations to the board
- Walsh project discussed (outside SIA)
- Monitoring discussed
- Technical assistance to develop a couple of ponds
- Engineering for a stream crossing

7:38PM Jonathan motioned to approve to move forward with all of the projects presented. Cindy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:38PM Direct deposit

- Discussed paydays dates
- Discussed process of logging into the online banking system
- Modena will check with bank to find out the cost to add Fandel's office to online banking.
- Can Fandel be limited to only sending direct deposits – Modena will ask the bank
- Some bills are paid on credit card
- What is the cost to add Fandel to online banking?
- What are safe guards we can use? Can we limit his access?
- Ask Fandel if he has any suggestions on direct deposit to protect themselves?

7:54PM Discussion concluded

7:57PM Glen Stoop

- Elk fencing at Noble Ranch discussed (Tenmile)

8:01PM Glen Stoop left the meeting

8:02PM Staff Reports: Caley

- Mostly working on grants

8:03PM Staff Reports: Modena

- Nothing new to add

8:03PM North Bank Working Landscape: Caley & Chris

- Discussed issue(s) with tidegate at NBWL
 - Bolt fell off due to vibration
 - Waiting for Leo to come down to fix bolt

8:14PM Caley showed video of tidegate

8:15PM Discussion continued

8:24PM Computer issues that affected Zoom (computer freezing and users couldn't hear office)

8:29PM Ernie adjourned the meeting.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date