



*Coos Soil & Water Conservation District
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
August 24, 2017
(Approved on Sept. 28th 2017)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

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

Absent board members: Chuck Steffensmeier

Staff: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas

Guests present: Eric Nusbaum (ODA), Christopher Claire (ODFW), Eric Moeggenburg (NRCS), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD)

7:01PM Mark called meeting to order

7:03PM Mark asked for any comments on May 2017 minutes.

7:04PM Ernie moved to approve May 2017 meeting minutes. Dan second. All approved. Passed.

7:05PM John/Seth Fandel were absent. Caley stated we haven't received payment for first quarter yet. Caley explained new annual budget. Charlie requested last year's budget to be used for comparison. Caley will email last year's.

7:08PM Charlie moved to approve Biennial Budget. Ernie second. All Approved. Passed.

7:10PM Barbara explained CREP new biennium IGA process, which had been sent to the board in their packets. No changes have been made from past IGA.

7:13PM Adela moved to approve the CREP new Biennium IGA. Dan second. All Approved. Passed.

7:15PM Caley explained DEQ 319 additional funds in the amount of \$2242. Money would be used to purchase five to six new loggers, and cover labor costs. Board waiting for agreement before approving.

7:19PM Coquille Watershed wants to rent district Toyota truck.

7:26PM Board decided not to rent district truck.

7:35PM Caley gave her report to board with potential projects (slide show)

- Larry & Cindy Johnson Trillium Farm/Stables
 - Manure run-off management
- Hitner Property (focus area)
 - Sediment/Erosion management
 - Fence built
 - Planting to be done this winter
- Vincent Family Farms
 - Fish passage improvement
 - Culvert replacement with a bridge

- Geany Property (South Fork Coquille)
 - Heavy use/Sacrifice area improvement
 - Possible maintenance for fence offered in order to put up fence

8:14PM Eric (NRCS) – See attached

8:28PM Eric concluded

8:28PM Barbara (Curry SWCD/CREP)

- Has one Coos County project for review.
 - 1.2 acres on Middle Creek
 - 10 years with \$60 budget
- Reasons Coos County residents do not want to re-enroll in CREP
 - Selling
 - Getting too old – no children to take over
 - Poor health
 - Hard to keep blackberries under control
 - River eroding and can't keep moving fence back. Area not stable enough for tree planting.

8:35PM Barbara concluded

8:35PM Coquille Watershed – Christopher Claire

- Culverts to be pulled at Dora
- Surveying Sandy Creek (aquatic inventory being taken)
- Tide gate project
- Hired new office specialist

8:39PM Christopher Claire (ODFW)

- 3 projects
 - Tide gate at Winter Lake
 - Access road at North Bank Lane
 - Tide gate
- Jordan Cove (ongoing)
- Bear dispatched
- Elk damage
- Animal damage
- No cougar sightings recently
- Salmon season is low due to warmer waters
- Commercial fishing is down

8:45PM Christopher concluded

8:47PM Eric (ODA)

- Budget crisis but people are buying lottery tickets, which is helping.
- OWEB has more money and decided to disburse it now rather than waiting.
- There is an extra million dollars available for SIA for technical assistance for larger grants.
- Training opportunities for board members
 - Board practice assessment
 - Eric will do training
 - Last 1 to 1 ½ hours (can be done before or after board meetings)
 - SDAO savings of 2% on insurance for completion
 - Financial operational reviews
 - Eric will go over financial processes and write recommendations

8:53PM Eric concluded

8:56PM Meeting adjourned

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date