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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2013

(Approved January 23, 2014)

2013 annual meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Mark Villers in the Heritage Place Community Dining Room in Bandon, OR.

Board members present: Mark Villers, Charlie Waterman, Steve Scheer, Dan Pierce, and Beau Allen.

Absent board members: Ernie Newton

Staff: Caley Sowers

Guests present: Sharon Waterman, Anne Guerin, Denise Pierce, Shawna Allen, Trish Scheer, Keith and Jamie Baker, Tom Dimmick, Marissa Gouvea (and family members), Caitlin Ford (and family members).

Open visit (ample time was allowed for late arrivals due to the severe winter weather):

7:00-7:20

Introductions:

7:20 p.m. – 7:25 p.m. – Mark introduced the board and then we went around the room and introduced our selves.

Potluck Dinner & Dessert:

7:25-7:50-Mark announced that the dinner and desserts were for everyone and encouraged all the guests to have some. Dinner was potluck style, homemade chili, appetizers, sandwiches, devilled eggs, cookies, salad, etc. with beverages and table settings provided by Bandon Heritage Place.

Minutes:

7:50-7:55. –November 21, 2013 Minutes – Mark called the meeting to order. The board reviewed the November 21st Meeting minutes but as it was already getting fairly late in the evening and the minutes were somewhat long, the board decided to table them until the January Regular Meeting when everyone would've had a chance to read them over.

Treasury Report:

7:55p.m. –7:57p.m. – John had other commitments as this was not our normal meeting time and Ernie was unable to attend. The board reviewed the packets which Caley had brought to the meeting, including the 2013 Annual Report and decided to table all business to the January 2014 regular meeting.

Coos SWCD Business concluded at 8:00

Guerin Memorial Essay Contest Winners:

8:05-8:20 – Caley Sowers introduced Anne Guerin as the daughter of Tom and Dorothy Guerin. This was the 31st anniversary of the Essay Memorial Contest. 1st place winner was Caitlin Ford, she read her essay; “How Farming, Ranching, and Timber Land Management Practices Have Changed Over the last 100 Years to Protect the Environment and Water Quality in Oregon and Coos County,” received \$150.00 check, a certificate, and a plaque with her name on it to be displayed at Coquille Valley High School for

the next year. Second place winner Nicole Fossum (not present), received \$125.00 check and a certificate. Third place winner Marissa Gouvea, also from Coquille High School, received \$100.00 check and a certificate and read her essay titled “Conservation Practices Used by Landowners in Coos County to Protect Soil and Decrease Erosion.”

Cooperator of the year:

8:20-8:35- This year’s cooperator of the year was Keith Baker who was in attendance with his wife, Jamie Baker. They are from Broadbent and had completed a very interesting culvert replacement and off-channel watering project. The first part of the project removed an old school bus which had been buried and used as a culvert, but was failing and causing a sinkhole in the road above it. The second part involved the placement of two large concrete off-channel watering troughs. Caley did a slideshow presentation which chronicled the project from beginning to end and presented Keith and Jamie Baker with an award plaque.

Guest Speaker:

8:35-9:05- Caley introduced Woody Lane, PhD, owner and operator of Lane Livestock Services. Woody Lane is a livestock nutritionist and forage specialist from Roseburg, OR. He gave a 30 minute PowerPoint presentation on “A South Coast Ranch Study on N-Fertilizers: Water Quality, Forage Yields, & Nutritional Value” and provided a print version of the study findings as well.

Annual Financial Presentation:

9:10p.m. – 9:20 p.m.- Caley Presented a 10 min slide show of the current financial status of the Coos SWCD as of June 30, 2013. Presentation was based off of information provided by Coquille Valley Accounting.

Door Prizes:

9:20-9:30- Director Tom Dimmick of Heritage Place had kindly offered to provide two gift baskets as door prizes on behalf of Bandon Heritage Place Community. Caley randomly drew the raffle tickets from a jar and the winners were Jamie Baker and Shawna Allen.

Ratified by the board of Directors:

Signature of the Vice-Chairman or
Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers - Coos SWCD
Office Manager

Date