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Regular Meeting Minutes-
May 23rd, 2019
(Approved June 27, 2019)

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

Absent board members:

Staff: Caley Sowers, Modena Warman

Guests present: Melaney Dunne (CoqWA), Ed Hughes (CoosWA), Michael Clary (local landowner), Chris Claire (ODFW), Barbara Grant (CREP)

7:07PM Regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Villers

Mark asked if we needed introductions for any newer folks. Modena and Michael Clary had not met.

Mark asked if anyone had any comments or corrections on the April minutes. No one had any edits.

7:10 PM Adela moved to approve the April minutes; Ernie seconded the motion, all approved. Motion Passed.

7:15PM Treasurer's Report:

John Fandel was not in attendance, but Caley reported that several items had been corrected. Also, the Scope of Work Fund was not as underspent as previously thought, due to the DEQ319 grant match having not been deducted from SOW monitoring capacity funds. We are closer on track to finishing the year with a zero balance, but with less room in the budget for extra expenditures such as the newsletter mailing. Caley said that when she gets the new corrected Finance Report, she will be better able to judge whether we can afford to mail the newsletter or wait until the next Fiscal Year.

7:20 PM Dan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Adela seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.

Old Business:

7:25 PM New Hire Update: Mark had not had time to interview Kayla Rickford yet.

7:27 PM Ag Water Quality Compliance Case Update: Nick Thomas was given a notice of non-compliance and will be required to replant 1500 trees and shrubs on the riverbank where he had previously removed the vegetation. Caley had suggested that he contract the Coos WA planting crew directly to do the planting work, and has offered to help arrange a visit with Dave Nelson to provide a quote.

7:30 PM – 8:15 PM District Funding Presentation:

8:17 PM Continued discussion from last meeting on process of appointing new directors. Mark brought up the zone boundaries issue again, regarding the Director Zones 4 and 5. Caley reported that she had asked Eric Nusbaum about the process to adjust zone boundaries and he had indicated that there was a process to go through to do this. However, Eric was unable to attend the May Board meeting to explain further. Caley suggested that since the other interested Director has not attended the last several meetings, that we could go ahead and appoint Mike to the Zone 4 Director position and still plan to address zone boundary lines as we move forward into the new fiscal year.

8:23 PM Moved to appoint Michael Clary to be director of Zone 4. Charlie seconded the motion; all approved, motion passed.

8:25 PM Mark Villers swears in Mike Clary. Mike takes the Oath of Office and signs the Oath of Office form. Caley will send the form to Sandra Hiatt to be filed on record with ODA. Mike will have to officially run for his position in the next election cycle.

8:30PM Coos SWCD staff Report

- Review and discussion of Johnson Creek Stream Crossing OWEB Small Grant Application
- Project was previously mentioned at the last board meeting but the application had not yet been developed
- Project involves a fairly straightforward stream crossing to replace a collapsing culvert which has been deteriorating for several years.

8:47 PM Adela moved to approve submitting the Johnson Creek Stream Crossing Small Grant Application. Dan Seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

8:57PM Partner Agency Reports:

Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD/ CREP Tech)

- New D.C. soon to be hired
- Dave Ferguson currently replacing Pete Winnick as acting D.C.
- USDA Tariff relief opportunity for producers of commodity crops affected by tariffs

Ed Hughes (CoosWA)

- TNC Tidegate Optimization model currently nearing completion
- Coho SAP at about the halfway point
- Working Lands Solutions to balance pasture productivity and fish production/ the two enterprises can coexist
- Tidegates Partnership Meeting- recent updates from Salem
- Region 2 chosen to pilot several tools- a decision making tool and an engineering/hydraulic analysis tool.

Melaney Dunne (CWA)- see printed Program Manager's report

- Rushal hired as new project manager and coordinator for G.A.G.
- CWA chosen by OWEB to oversee a grant to fund the contracted development of the engineering/hydraulic analysis tool.

Chris Claire Fish & Wildlife Report

- Jordan cove permits- DEQ denied 'without prejudice' meaning that Jordan Cove will have the opportunity to reapply
- Salmon Season cutback by approx. 2/3
- 17 acres on Winter Lake ODFW parcel going to be used for ODOT mitigation- plant to eradicate bent grass and reed canary- convert to all native species

9:50PM Meeting adjourned

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date