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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular December Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021
(Approved January 27, 2022)

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:14PM

Board members present at office: Mark Villers, Adela Villers, Ernie Newton, Cindy Gant

Board members present on Zoom/Telephone: Michael Clary

Absent board members: Charlie Waterman

Staff present in office: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas, Andrew Chione

Staff present on Zoom:

Guests present in office: Chris Claire (ODFW)

Guests present on Zoom: Katie Woodruff (NRCS), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD)

7:14PM Mark called regular December board meeting to order

7:14PM Modena read who was present in office and on Zoom (no changes from Annual Meeting)

7:15PM Mark asked for comments on October 28, 2021 minutes

7:16PM Ernie motioned to approve October 28, 2021 minutes. Ernie seconded. Mark abstained (was not present for October meeting). All in favor.

7:16PM Caley discussed the finance report.

- The following will be added
 - South Fork Stakeholder Engagement budget
 - NB Working Landscaping
 - North Fork/South Fork
- King Riparian project will be removed and funds returned
- Will receive 2nd quarter payments towards end of December
- Next quarter report due on 01/15/2022 and will receive funds shortly after that
- SOW/SIA time will be front loaded but will even out once we start billing other grants

7:24PM Caley concluded

7:24PM Adela motioned to approve Finance Report. Ernie seconded. All in favor.

7:25PM IT position discussed

- Nice to have someone available on a part-time basis when needed

7:29PM Adela motioned to approve the hiring of a part-time information technology person to assist for up to five hours per month at \$15/hr. Ernie seconded. All in favor.

7:30PM Hiring Policy

- Need to discuss with Charlie: Modena will email Charlie to discuss options
- Need different policy for hiring district manager
 - Entire board interviews
 - Committee narrows it down to 3 applicants then entire board interviews
 - Committee handles the interview and makes decision

7:37PM Mark motioned to table hiring policy until next meeting. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

7:38PM Isthmus Slough Salt Marsh Protection & Riparian Enhancement Project – Andrew

- 8 acres
- 60% salt marsh
- Wasn't channelized
- Salmon habitat
- Taken over by scotch broom and blackberries (invasive vegetation)
- Owner wants to plant next winter
- Owner wants goats on property
- Owner will be building a fence this winter which will be used as match
- Implementation would be next Fall/Winter 2022
- Owner will take district's recommendations for planting
- Not in SIA
- Caley thinks it would be a good project for Andrew to handle
- Barbara discussed fencing for this project
- Katie messaged "NRCS can't help until they start their ag operations and we can't do an easement if it's a functional wetland."
- Michael discussed possible survey needed and for Andrew to check on that
- Chris stated salt marsh won't grow trees

8:00PM Adela motioned to approve Andrew develop the small grant proposal for this project. Ernie seconded. All in favor.

8:01PM Staff Reports

- Caley
 - Discussed SIA funding
 - Two landowners applied for EQUIP for match
- Andrew
 - SIA funding applied for
 - Started fencing at Lampa Creek
 - One landowner will finish fencing himself
 - Possible 2nd small grant
- Modena – see attached – no new updates from report

8:22PM Safety Meeting

- Employee emergency contacts have been updated

8:23PM Katie Woodruff's (NRCS) report – see attached

- EQUIP 10 applications
- No SOD (sudden oak death) applications
- 5 CIS
- Still acting for Roseburg area
- Meat demand change (FSA program)
- Will have CIC program this year

8:28PM Katie concluded

8:28PM Barbara Grant's report – see attached

- Waiting on 2022-2023 funding

8:30PM Barbara concluded

8:30PM Chris Claire's (ODFW) report

- Dry for fish
- Coho in pools waiting to spawn
- Worked with Andrew
- Noble Creek – engineering
- Done with hatchery production

8:34PM Chris concluded

8:34PM Caley discussed water quality complaint

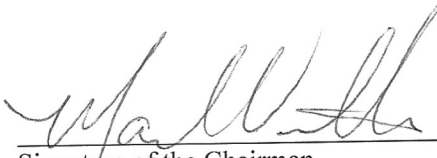
- Discussed potential letter from board
- Caley & Andrew went on compliance visit with ODA – see attached letter
- Letter doesn't state trees need to be protected/survive
- Mark discussed ODF's policy for tree survival
- Michael clarified that Caley was wanting a letter from the board
- Caley suggested to talk with Beth – Michael agreed

8:53PM Caley concluded

8:54PM Caley informed the board a Waterway's contract email would be coming out soon

- Also discussed other contracts

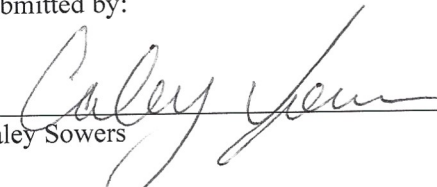
8:56PM Mark adjourned the meeting



Signature of the Chairman

02-24-2022
Date

Submitted by:



Caley Sowers

02-24-2022
Date