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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Meeting Minutes November 15, 2012

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Mark Villers in the Coos County Annex Building.

Board members present: Charlie Waterman, Ernie Newton, Ron Petock, Mark Villers, and Joe Cortez

Absent board members: none

Staff: Dawn Weekly

Guests present: Dan Pierce, Steve Sheer, and Beth Pietrzak

Introductions:

7:02 p.m. – 7:05 p.m. – We went around the room and introduced our selves.

Minutes:

7:05 p.m. - 7:10p.m. – **Sept 27, 2012 Minutes** –Minor grammatical errors corrected from October work session. **Joe Cortez /Ernie Newton motioned and seconded to approve** the September minutes as presented. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasury Report:

7:11 p.m. – 7:46p.m. – John and Seth both had other commitments as this was not our normal meeting time. Seth was available by cell phone if needed. The board reviewed both the October and the November report. The board had questions on format and Dawn showed them how it was broke down.

Charlie Waterman/ Joe Cortez motioned and seconded to approve Treasury Report as presented.

All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

7:11p.m. – 8:08 p.m. Staff Reports:

WTS/LMA –A staff report outline was prepared and reviewed by Dawn Weekly with the board and is available for review at the SWCD office. Included is outreach, meetings, projects, farm tours, funding and Misc. and General office.

NRCS - No one present

FSA – No one present

OSU Extension- No one was present however it was noted that the Coos County livestock meeting will be November 17th at the Coquille Community Center.

ODA – Beth Pietrzak- Met with Dawn earlier today and reviewed changes that are being made to the SOW including how and when SOW will be put together for funding. Also changing is the way funds will be issued to a 75/25 format. 75% normal water quality with 25% targeted to a focus project area. They are working to convert it to online format too.

ODFW- No one present. Charlie shared that ODF&W is evolved with the Eel Lake project. Mark also commented that Salmon are running well. Chinook are running up Wilson Creek, a count showed 95-100 spawning. Coho are spawning early this year. There is a spot up Steam boat Creek where Mark had done some restoration work and one neighbor watches the area for poachers and said that he has counted about 800 summer steelhead.

Weed Board- Dawn said that she received information on the herbicide cost share program of 42 land owner participation for a total of \$11,200 of which \$5600 was cost shared by the Coos County Weed Board. Steve Sheer touched base on the cost share and that some funding changes were coming but would be able to participate for at least the next three years.

8:08-8:41 - Old Business:

SOW- Between the Treasury report and Beth P. report topics was covered.

Annual Meeting- Dawn Presented 2012 Annual Meeting Resolution. Board reviewed, **Joe Cortez/Charlie Waterman motioned and seconded** to approve the Resolution as presented. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Discussion on the speaker George Taylor and his fee of \$500.00 to speak at the Annual Meeting. It was noted that because the meeting seems to be focused around water quality and the speaker also fits into that category that we use WQ funds. **Ron Petock/ Joe Cortez motioned and seconded** to approve that we pay George Taylor \$500.00 to speak from the WQ funds. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Dawn is working with Spruce Street on a main dish item and the salad the rest will be potluck style. There was open discussion on the potluck items. The board also helped Dawn compile a list of who has been invited in the past.

Dawn Weekly 90 day review- Dawn explained that the board had completed the written evaluation but never confirmed employment or the other things mentioned when hired. Dawn presented a list of items that needed to be reviewed and voted on before they were official. **Ron Petock/ Ernie Newton motioned and seconded** to accept the review that was completed and on file, retain Dawn as a full time at will employee, grant a \$1.00 raise of pay retro-active to the first pay cycle after the 90 days. (October 1st, 2012) All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

8:41-9:18 - New Business:

OSU Sediment Symposium- Board reviewed info on symposium and decided to send Dawn. **Joe Cortez/ Charlie Waterman motioned and seconded** to send Dawn to OSU in Corvallis, OR on Jan 24th 2013. The board will pay tuition \$60.00, hotel \$77 + tax as Water Quality training. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Water Quality Funding- Dawn reviewed the budget set aside for water quality. Dawn requested a price range to purchase the water testing equipment the board has requested. Dawn brought in documentation on a couple examples of what she is looking at. Board discussed and **Charlie Waterman/ Ron Petock motioned and seconded** that she could spend up to \$5000.00 on a water quality testing device that measures temperature, PH, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Work committee- Dawn requested a work committee meeting in mid December to review SOW and focus areas for her to pursue grants on. Discussion concluded that because the board will be changing in January and the SOW process is also changing, wait until new board members are sworn in.

District Camera- Board decided this was an office management decision. Board suggested that I get a quote to get fixed and quotes on new camera and make a decision.

Oregon Water Right LC's –Dawn did a quick briefing of the purposed changes and what that would mean landowners.

OWEB Support Capacity Area adjustment-Dawn informed the board of some changes OWEB is looking into. They are purposing to merge some watershed area together based on HUC field codes. One of which is Tenmile Lakes and Coos Watershed. The board discussed and decided that some HUC's are similar enough that that would be possible however Tenmile is very unique from anything else around it. The board felt it necessary to have a letter drafted on behalf of the SWCD and sent to OWEB to the situation. Charlie **Waterman/Ron Petock motioned and seconded** to have Mark Villers get information from Dawn to write and send a letter to OWEB without further review by the board. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Public comment or questions- none

Adjourn-Mark announced next meeting will be the Annual Meeting &Dinner to be held December 7th, 2012 at the OSU Extension office in Myrtle Point, OR from 6-9pm. This event is potluck style and RSVP is encouraged. That concluded this meeting, meeting adjourned, all in favor.

Ratified by the board of Directors:

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Dawn Weekly- Coos SWCD
Office Manager

Date