



*Coos Soil & Water Conservation District
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
February 22, 2018
(Approved April 11, 2018)

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

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

Absent board members:

Staff: Caley Sowers, Rushal Sedlemyer

Guests present: Christopher Claire (ODFW), Eric Moggenburg (NRCS), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), John Fandel (CPA), Kyle Motley (Coquille WA)

7:03PM Mark called meeting to order

7:03PM Introduction of Kyle Motley (Coquille WA)

7:07PM Board reviewed January 2018 minutes.

7:08PM Charlie commented regarding minutes about beavers (Chris Claire's report); landowners can still take care of beavers.

7:11PM Charlie moved to approve January 2018. Adela second. All in favor. Approved.

7:11PM Treasurer's report:

- We are doing good
- No questions
- No overspending
- Moving \$10,000

7:14PM Adela motioned to approve treasurer's report. Dan second. All in favor. Approved.

7:15PM Update on Adam's Creek SG application replacing culvert

- Review of grant.
- Asked for full \$15,000
- Floodplain permit
- Benefit to salmon habitat
- Chuck questioned the total amount and why OWEB turned it down.

7:26PM Charlie moved to approve the total amount of Adam's Creek small grant application. Chuck second. All in favor. Approved.

7:27PM Coastal Coho Business Plan minutes & discussion

- We are on the planning committee
- 7:30PM Cooperative weed management area discussion
- Caley attended 1st steering meeting, agenda, sign MOU to be member
- 7:35PM Motion will be set next meeting
- Chuck made comment about blackberries being a bigger issue for soil erosion
- 7:37PM Staff report
- Discussing grants
 - OWEB tidegate review, listed near term priorities, pilot projects, funding for tidegates
 - Meeting on March 5th for stakeholder engagement with partners, farm plan cert, RMS
 - Get landowners a plan on file
 - Social media linked to website
- 7:44PM North Bank working landscapes voted to fund 6/8
- Need to apply for match funding WRCA or NOAA grants. Coastal Resiliency Grant
- 7:47PM Replanted and weeded Wood Creek
- Elk cross (wooded jumps)
- 7:51PM Site visit to Chuck's and small grant for heavy use area
- Chuck bought adjacent ranch on Woodward Creek
 - Grant through NRCS
- 7:54PM Fix Jan Geaney grant
- Meeting with Kurt
 - Available for March 22nd meeting
 - Grant committee meeting
 - Recommend approval for the board
 - Email small grants to committee, then have early 6:00PM meeting before board meeting
- 8:04PM Chris Claire asked about Larry's grant
- 8:04PM DEQ319 data graphs discussed
- 8:08PM FANG meeting – Charlie
- 8:12PM Eric (NRCS)
- Conservation strategy for Chetco Bar approved and funded
 - 4 CSPF applications, not taking any more applications
 - Pushed back CIS app deadline
 - Invited to Local Work Groups Meeting February 28, 2018
 - Fed Agencies under one roof and cross training – lots of changes
- 8:23PM Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD)
- Many new applications
 - Beaver activity issues in riparian area in Coos River – Rogers Creek
 - Doing a lot of re-enrollments
 - Discussed how one program can interfere with another
- 8:30PM Kyle Motley (Coquille WA)

- Working on grant writing
- Removing culvert from Baker Creek and working on permitting
- Agreements are being halted, BLM funding
- Hired Goldie
- BLM hired watersheds as contractors

8:34PM Chris Claire (ODFW)

- Elk tags
- Concern for fish since not much rain, but snow helps.
- Steelhead winding down, below average.
- ODFW agreed to start live trapping beavers, but not quite in place.
- Planted willows at Winter Lakes
- Made Coos SWCD handled rebar to plant willows, good for small/skinny willows.
- Set fish traps at Winter Lakes
- Jordon Cove project permit denied; looked at facility and bay dredging, concern about fish & wildlife habitats.
- Discussed how they might offset and mitigate the pipeline.
- Claim to seed, mulch, and lay down wood to conserve soil; project will cross ag land

8:52PM Charlie public comment

- Advocating the importance of ag a quarter million loss in meals
- Importance of ag is 97% stronger than fisheries
- Ag spent 992 billion on US economy

8:57PM Mark public comment

- Man bought land for pot, but market flooded, so he'll probably just raise beef.

8:59PM Connect

- Did a credit for this year
- Apply for scholarship for Rushal
- Need \$500 for lodging

9:01PM Mark called meeting adjourned.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date