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Regular Meeting Minutes-
October 22, 2015
(November 19, 2015)

Work Session was called to order at 7:05 PM by Charlie Waterman.

Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mark Villers.

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

Absent board members: 0

Staff: Caley Sowers, Liz Allen, Modena Thomas.

Guests present: Emily Fife (NRCS), Eric Nussbaum (ODA), Pat Jones (NRCS), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), Christopher Claire (ODFW).

7:05PM: Charlie started meeting with Work Session. Chris Claire stated that there is bear trouble, call Stewart if having trouble. There isn't a lot of Elk. Fish are stacked in pools because of low water. 119 Coho netted for hatchery. Caley and Chris went out on site with ODA. Culvert is failing, tide gate is okay. Field floods with livestock on it, needs long term solution. Gary and Chris going to work on solution in ODFW office.

7:30PM: Charlie relinquished meeting to Mark Villers. Dan motioned to approve minutes of August meeting. Adela 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.

Introductions made around table.

Caley gave financial report. Expenses are where they need to be. \$270 under limit. IGA –ODA approved \$12725 per quarter. Distribution center \$21,774. Two (2) small grants Clary Off Channel-Done. Mike Dunn picked up check. Charlie motioned to accept financial report, Dan 2nd. MOTION CARRIED

Agency Reports:

Pat wants to have Water Workshop Training with SWCD and Watersheds present, 2 day seminar. Easy planning documentation that anybody could use. New Conservationist in office before the end of year.

Emily said the Conservationist is Eric Morkberg, he used to be ODA. Official start date Nov 1st. NRCS has had complaint with information being shared, due to the Privacy Act any information is not to be given to others. NRCS only does a background investigation if necessary. Only had a generic complaint.

Barbara with CREP Committee see attached.

Eric with ODA reported that the District of the Year was awarded to Coos Soil district. Eric asked what the Board felt brought this about. Charlie says Caley is doing great job and they wouldn't be here if not for her. Caley is a great PR person. Chris says Caley and Board is very good at reaching out to ODFW. Caley is very good with GIS and Modena is great. Very good team work. Pat says Caley is very committed to learn and get technical knowledge. Rewarding to see Clary blossom. Modena is great at answering information. Charlie says Board is very united. Modena says Caley and Mark think outside the box to solve issues. ODA is having staffing changes. Water Quality moving up. 6 positions around the state. Pendleton, Bend, and Salem (3 on Westside and 3 on Eastside).

Ernie reports on Coquille Watershed – See attached Program Managers Report. Chris said that if anyone has questions on project being denied give him a call, and he will give his take on situation. 90% reduction on Chinook (East Fork Oxbow project got all funding from OWEB).

Caley – See attached active project status. SEP small match submitted. Showed pictures of Dutch Johnson Pond. Dexter in compliance- lower priority grant. Has a perennial stream goes under and above ground. See attached Potential Projects- Discussion on Dan’s project and how to solve potential hazards.
Noble Creek – The whole valley waiting on Beth for information.
Clarno-Kentuck Creek

Caley reported that SWOCC has classes for Water Quality, she is taking 1 class per term and would like the Board to pay her hours. She has paid for the classes. ODA says as long as it is training. Charlie motioned to pay for Caley’s hours for classes, Ernie 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.

Caley asked about serving on Board of Coquille Watershed. Eric said there is no rule against being on Board. ODA says exempt from Conflict of Interest for Non-Profit. Charlie moved that Caley fill SWCD position for CWA, Dan 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Board meeting will be November 19th.

Caley would like to make a presentation to Clary at annual meeting. Clary had different agencies involved. Caley said Annual meeting would have pizza and drinks. Guest speaker will be Water Weighmaster.

Charlie made a resolution for Annual Meeting December 10th, 6pm at OSU Extension, Ernie 2nd.
RESOLUTION.

8:50PM: Meeting adjourned.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date