



Coos Soil & Water Conservation District
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2019
(Approved September 26, 2019)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

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

Absent board members: Adela Villers

Staff: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas

Guests present: Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), Christopher Claire (ODFW), Mel Dunne (CoqWA), Brenda Sanchez (ODA), Mariel King (OSU Student), Haley Lutz (CoosWA), Jon Souder (OSU), Beth Pietrzak via telephone (ODA)

7:07PM Mark called meeting to order

7:07PM Introductions

7:08PM Review June minutes. Skipped over motion at this time; no quorum. Charlie abstained since not present at June meeting.

7:09PM Treasurer's Report – Caley

- Process of capacity grant
- All end of year paperwork is completed
- Overspent approx. \$1200 SOW – covered out of general fund

7:12PM Charlie motioned to approve Finance Report. Ernie seconded. All in favor.

7:13PM Brenda Sanchez gave presentation for ODA Water Quality Program SIA Initiative

- Deadline is November 4, 2019
- Planning meeting will be held on September 24, 2019 1:00PM to 4:00PM at Owen Building.
- Discussion/questions answered

7:32PM Dan Pierce arrived

8:02PM Brenda concluded

8:02PM Old Business

- New hire update – Caley & Mark informed the board about the hiring process and final candidate who will start on September 9, 2019.

8:08PM Old Business concluded

8:08PM Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD)

- Discussed NRCS letter regarding hiring district conservationist

8:13PM Charlie motioned to approve Mark signing letter regarding hiring district conservationist. Dan seconded. All in favor.

8:14PM Brenda Sanchez left meeting

8:15PM Jon Souder discussed Institute of Natural Resource Proposal for NWQI SWP

- Discussion / questions asked/answered

8:25PM Concluded discussion

8:25PM Michael motioned to approve Institute of Natural Resource Proposal. Ernie seconded. All in favor.

8:29PM Charlie referred back to approval of June minutes.

8:29PM Dan motioned to accept June 2019 Minutes with correction of “absent board member” to be removed. Ernie seconded. All in favor.

8:29PM Staff Report – Caley

- Stalley project update
- Hiring process
- Two Mile Creek update
- Winter Lake application
- Caley attended the Tidegate Steering meeting in Salem
- Oregon Conservation Partnership decided to feature Coos SWCD

8:41PM Safety Meeting

- SDAO representative had meeting with Caley in office

8:42PM Caley concluded

8:42PM Barbara Grant’s Report

- Deadline (mid September) for IGA is before Coos SWCD’s next meeting. Need signatures now.

8:43PM Charlie motioned to approve IGA between CREP/Coos SWCD/Curry SWCD. Dan seconded. All in favor.

8:43PM Barbara continued

- One re-enrollment in CREP
- One new enrollment – Myrtle Creek
- Two Mile Creek next to hwy – landowner has gorse mapped out

- Barb is currently doing on the ground inspections

8:55PM Barbara concluded

8:56PM Charlie motioned to approve new Harris and Nelson CREP plans. Michael seconded. All in favor.

8:56PM Mel Dunne (CoqWA)

- 25th Anniversary Party
- Restoration program update
 - Tidegate replacement
 - Culvert replacement
- Rushal – project manager (Gorse Action Group) working on grants
- Two Mile area gorse project
- Plan to re-submit 2 grants not previously funded
- Received grant for drinking water enhancement
- North Fork Restoration grant ranked 5th
- Monitoring – Winter Lake grant – partnered with ODFW
- Bandon Marsh partnership
- Coos WA partnership – education / outreach to share resources
- Outreach with school districts
 - Jon stated there is state money available for schools called Future Natural Resource Leaders

9:06PM Mel concluded

9:06PM Haley Lutz (CoosWA)

- 25th Anniversary Fundraiser
- Selected by OWEB – tell story project
 - Completed video
- New Logo completed
- Applied for funding – ranked 5th
- Wants to partner with Coos SWCD in basin
- Completed tidegate optimization
- Coho strategic action planning process
- Focus on lowland HUC's
- NOAA funding received
- Stream gauges – update weather monitoring technology
- Resubmit Lifecycle Monitoring
- Track passage on tidegates
- Storm water project
- Stakeholder partnership

9:13PM Haley concluded

9:13PM Christopher Claire (ODFW)

- Salmon isn't going to be much better this year

- Striped bass
- Water temp warm in Coquille
- Jordan Cover & DSL meeting with ODFW
- Winter Lake update
- Provided technical assistance for Baker Creek

9:18PM Chris concluded

9:21PM Mark adjourned meeting

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date