



*Coos Soil & Water Conservation District  
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2025  
(Approved February 27, 2025)

Annual Meeting was called to order at 5:25PM

Board members present at Bandon Barn: Mark Villers, Adela Villers, Cindy Gant, Ernie Newton, Jonathan Morse

Board members present on Zoom/Telephone: N/A

Staff present in Bandon Barn: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas, Abigail Richards, Alicia Matthew, Strayer Bartoshesky

Staff present on Zoom:

Guests present at Bandon Barn: Chris Claire (ODFW), Eric Nusbaum (ODA), Katie Woodruff (NRCS), Beth Pietrzak (ODA), John Bealey, Jolly Hibbits, Patricia Richards, Craig Richards, Lucas Nebert, Steve Gant, Ivy Randall, Nina Trenwith, Bryan Walton, Greg Stone, Emily Kolkemo, Tom Brown, Clark Rooke, Frank Morse, Cristy Morse, Harlan Morse,

Guests present on Zoom: N/A

5:25PM Mark called the meeting to order.

5:25PM Mark presented the annual report, budget and audit.

5:28PM Mark invited everyone to begin eating dinner.

5:50PM Katie Woodruff (NRCS) made an announcement regarding meeting on February 4, 2025.

5:52PM Lucas Nebert started his presentation of Dry Farming.

6:45PM Presentation concluded.

7:00PM Mark adjourned the meeting.

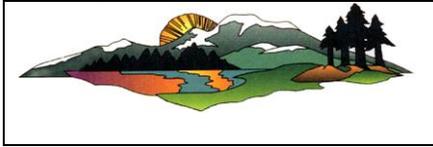
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Signature of the Chairman

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Date

Submitted by:

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Caley Sowers

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Date



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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2025  
(Approved February 27, 2025)

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:16PM

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

Board members present on Zoom/Telephone: N/A

Staff present in office: Caley Sowers, Abigail Richards

Staff present on Zoom: N/A

Guests present in office: Chris Claire (ODFW), Eric Nusbaum (ODA), Katie Woodruff (NRCS), and Beth Pietrzak (ODA)

Guests present on Zoom: N/A

7:16PM Mark called the meeting to order.

7:17PM First Action Item- Adela, Oath of Office

- Adela Villers read the oath of office.
  - Adela signed the oath.
  - Board director (Mark) signed the oath.

7:20PM Short Introductions

- Mark introduced Jonathan Morse, newest board member to Eric N. and Beth P. from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
  - Jonathan is the newest board member.

7:21PM December Board Meeting Minutes

- The board did a quick overview of the December 5th and December 20th meeting minutes.
  - Mark asked if there were any comments or questions about the minutes.
  - The board had no comments or questions.

**7:24PM Cindy motioned to approve the December 5, 2024, and December 20, 2024 board meeting minutes. Adela seconded. Motion carried.**

7:26PM December Finance report

- Caley does a short overview of the finance report.
- Caley has been working with Fandel to make adjustments and corrections to the report.
- Discussion about the finance report.

- Eric recommended creating a simplified report for board members to review before each board meeting.
  - Discussion
- Mark asked if there are any questions about the finance report.

**7:32PM Cindy motioned to accept the December Finance Report. Ernie seconded. Motion carried.**

7:34PM Purchase of New Work Truck / Selling Current Work Truck

- Discussion about current work truck.
  - Manual – most of the staff can't drive a manual.
  - Moisture/mold issues
  - Limited Seating- only two seats
  - District is interested in selling the current truck, and purchasing a new truck that staff are comfortable driving.
  - Eric does an overview/ explanation of the surplus/ selling process for SWCD's.
    - The district can get a loan, but it requires a public hearing process.
  - Modena and Alicia have been looking into surplus vehicles from other SWCD's.
    - Discussion about what type of truck the district would need.
  - Board will table the discussion until next meeting.

7:46PM Management Efficiency

- Caley didn't have anything to discuss for this action item.

7:47PM Questions on Staff Reports

- Discussion about what staff have been currently up to.
  - WQ Monitoring
  - New Staff
  - New Projects
    - Walsh Property: 58-acre property on the EF Coquille River. Large potential restoration project.
      - Abby does a quick overview of the current proposal for the project.
    - Tom Brown SF Coquille Fencing Project
      - Caley does overview of the project.
      - Grant opportunity through ODFW
      - Discussion

8:06PM Partner Reports

- Katie (NRCS)
  - Funded 19 contracts last year.
  - Local Work Group meeting in February at the Bandon Library
  - No tide gate CIS applications were submitted for this upcoming year.
  - Brett Harris (FSA) retired.
  - Barbara Grant (CREP) will be retiring at the end of the year.
    - Discussion
- Chris Claire (CoqWA & ODFW)
  - Updates about the Coaledo tide gate project

- Clary Wetland Project
  - Discussion
- CoqWA is continuing to PIT tag juvenile Coho smolts.
- NBWL- engaged the MTR in December, disengaged it last week so SWCD staff could complete plant survival surveys.
- Need to buy velocity meter
- Discussion about the tide gate
- Eric (ODA) stated that the district is doing a great job and he is happy to see our continuous growth.

8:30PM Mark adjourned the meeting.

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Signature of the Chairman

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Date

Submitted by:

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Abigail Richards

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Date