



Coos Soil & Water Conservation District
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular March Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2023
(Approved June 22, 2023)

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM

Board members present at office: Charlie Waterman, Adela Villers, Mark Villers, Ernie Newton, Cindy Gant

Board members present on Zoom/Telephone: Michael Clary

Absent board members:

Staff present in office: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas, Abigail Richards

Staff present on Zoom:

Guests present in office: Beth Pietrzak (ODA), Katie Woodruff (NRCS)

Guests present on Zoom:

7:01PM Charlie called meeting to order

7:01PM Charlie asked for comments on April 2023 minutes.

7:02PM Charlie motioned to approve the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

7:02PM Finance Report – Caley

- SOW – have until end of July to spend
- \$22,568 upcoming payment
- Payroll – over spent
- Salaries being paid by other grants
- Extra money to purchase laptop, rugged tablet, work station, ARC GIS Pro subscription
- Capacity Grant
- ODA support grants in red on budget report – there is a chance we will not be getting that money
- Put in application for upcoming ODA Support Grant
- Potentially pursuing third SIA
- Will restructure budget if we do not receive ODA Support Grant (\$100,000)
- FIP funding
- Budget needs to go to Grimstad and Capacity Grant

7:11PM Caley concluded

7:13PM Charlie motioned to accept the April 27, 2023 Finance Report. Adela seconded. All in favor.

7:14PM Annual budget

- Capacity funding
- Lower Coquille SIA
- ODA Support Grant
- Budget committee approved budget

7:17PM Concluded

7:17PM Mark asked for comments

- Charlie stated it was a well presented budget and Caley did a great job

7:19PM Charlie motioned to accept the three annual budgets 2023-2025. Adela seconded. All in favor.

7:20PM New Business

- Caley informed the board about upcoming board trainings

7:21PM Beth Pietrzak (ODA)

- Had site visit in the area (compliance visit)
- Discuss ideas on how to improve North and East Fork Coquille SIA open house that was held in late March – difficult meeting
 - Discussed language of letters sent by ODA
 - Trying to not sound regulatory
 - More casual setting for meetings
 - Ask landowners to tell us their concerns
- Discussed muddy water
- ODA will do second field evaluation on June 24th
- Discussed outreach and results
- Put up signs Coos SWCD/ODA
 - Project funded by... (to enhance public exposure)
- Talk to people one on one instead of large crowd
- Site visit at cattle operation regarding removed willows
 - Riparian area concern
 - Grass is full, green and tall
 - Will follow up in the Fall
- Site visit – Department of State Lands said they could cut trees
 - Landowner put up fence for livestock exclusion
- Coquille TMDL – upcoming
 - Meetings starting in July
 - Bacteria, temperature and sediment

7:49PM Beth concluded

7:50PM Watched video “How to Run an Effective Board Meeting”

7:54PM Video ended

7:54PM Discussed video

- Caley offered board training opportunities

7:57PM Staff Reports – Caley

- Deployed temperature loggers on Noble Creek
- NE Fork temperature loggers
- Archeology surveys on Noble Creek
- Paleo West surveying
- Weekly meetings with Daniel and Jake
- Andrew awarded Cunningham Creek
- Grant for Lower Coquille SIA – Andrew
- Gave presentation to landowners – Andrew
- Expecting busy summer for construction
- Expecting busy fall with grants
- Charlie discussed comment in staff report

8:05PM Caley concluded

8:05PM Staff Report – Modena

- Had board members sign signature card for Umpqua Bank checking account to add new board members and district manager

8:07PM Modena concluded

8:07PM Staff Report – Abby

- Had table at Powers Fishing Derby
 - Well attended – 150 children
 - Will do again next year
- Helped install temperature loggers
- Pulled water level loggers at Noble Creek
- Got rid of two old desks from office
- Abby's parents donated new office desk, chairs and copy machine to district
- Temperature loggers next week at Lower Coquille

8:10PM Abby concluded

8:12PM Caley discussed FIP meeting

8:13PM Safety Meeting

- Purchased two new hard hats
- Use extra money for any new gear

8:14PM Mark got an email from ODFW

- Extended Chinook on Columbia River

8:14PM Partner Report – Katie (NRCS)

- Summer intern
- Tidegate meeting
- Cranberry CIS
 - Irrigation automation
- Contracts funded
- Organic transitioning – new program
- Ron is retiring this year
- Budget is doubling/tripling over next couple of years

8:26PM Katie concluded

8:27PM Partner Report – Michael (Coquille Watershed)

- Dan Silvius transitioning out
- New person coming in – Leah
- Not having regular meetings

8:28PM Mark adjourned meeting

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date