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Regular Meeting Minutes-
January 24th, 2019
(Approved February 28, 2019)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Absent board members: Dan Pierce

Staff: Caley Sowers, Rushal Sedlemeyer

Guests present: Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), Melaney Dunne (CoqWA), Anne Campbell, Barbara and Michael Clary (local landowners, potential new directors), Kayla Rickford (potential new staff), Jon Souder (OSU- Guest Speaker)

7:00PM Charlie calls meeting to order as Vice-Chair, because Mark Villers had not been sworn in yet since his re-election.

-Ernie Newton and Mark Villers are sworn in and take the oath of office.

-Charlie moved to nominate Mark as Chairman and Ernie as Treasurer. Adela seconded the motion(s). Mark elected as Chairman and Ernie as Treasurer by all voting members present.

7:08PM Introductions proceeded around the table (see sign-in sheet)

Michael and Barbara Clary

- Myrtle Point landowners of approximately 20 acres located on the South Fork Coquille River, 8 acres placed into restoration and 12 managed as a leased pasture
- Awarded 2015 Cooperator of the Year by Coos SWCD for completion of a conservation project on his property, which involved CREP, EQIP, and an OWEB small grant.
- Michael is a scientist, and worked on habitat restoration projects in California
- His primary focus was on permitting and Clean Water Act regulations

Anne Campbell

- Local landowner
- A “born and raised’ Oregonian
- Personally interested in wildlife, habitat restoration, and water quality
- Has observed changes in the local wildlife over the years, such as decline in numbers of frogs, etc.
- Owns/manages 16.5 acres on Big Creek, 10 acres timber and 5 pasture, runs goats

Kayla Rickford

- Educational and personal background
- Work experience
- Professional Interest

7:15PM The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the Annual Meeting in December 2018. Charlie was not present but decided to vote as there would not have been a quorum present without him.

Charlie moved to approve the December minutes; Adela seconded the motion; all in favor, motion passed.

The board reviewed the monthly finance reports. Neither John or Seth Fandel were present, so Caley delivered a brief Treasury report. Stating that the quarterly reports had been completed and that hopefully the funds request would not take an entire quarter this time as it did last quarter, she noted that expenditures were a little lower this last quarter due to reduced payroll expenses, but we are still running at a slight deficit (currently overspent by about \$2500). Caley explained that she believes this gap will close before the end of the biennium. Caley explained that she needs to gradually cut back from working full-time due to family health issues and childcare considerations, but that this will also help the budget and free up more funds for a part-time second employee.

7:30PM Charlie moved to approve the January Treasurer's Report; Adela seconded the motion; all in favor, motion passed.

7:30PM Jon Souder- NWQI Presentation

- Oregon State University Institute of Natural Resources; Trees2Tap Program
- Source Water Protection Plans: not that different from Watershed Action Planning; identifying opportunities for improvement
- Would utilize DEQ's North Fork Coquille TMDL's
- Potential Restoration Actions include the standard tools: riparian buffers, improved shade, bank stability, irrigation efficiency, project prioritization
- Includes and Outreach Phase
- Institute has a federally negotiated indirect cost rate that is very high; Jon not sure if he can get the Institute to waive. Suggested District may adopt a policy to not pay more than 10% administration on any contracts.

8:15PM Jon concludes

8:16PM Ernie relates a story about how a creek near the water plant, coming directly off a heavily concentrated cattle operation, had tested for high levels of E. Coli. Previously the water plant had been sampling from a point above the livestock operation, but due to a culver replacement, had begun sampling from downstream of the operation and so the test results would tend to indicate that there was a lot of bacteria running off the pastures.

8:22PM Tidegate Meeting Updates

8:29PM NACD Funding for NRCS Technical Assistance; Pat Jones recently retired, leaving the Coquille NRS Office unstaffed.

8:30PM Partner Agency Reports:

8:30PM Barbara Grant CREP Report (see printed report)

8:35PM Coos SWCD Staff Report (see printed report)

- Local Work Group Meeting coming up Feb 20th
- NRCS Tidegate Tour on Feb 12th
- Currently working on the Winter Lake CIS, Newsletter development, and small grants

8:44PM Melaney Dunne discussed Coquille Watershed Association Program Manager's Report (see printed report)

- Drinking Water Provider's Partnership
- North Fork Riparian Project

8:57PM SWCD Zone Map and Director/Zone Boundaries

9:08PM Meeting adjourned

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date