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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular December Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2022
(Approved September 22, 2022)

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

Board members present at office: Mark Villers, Adela Villers, Cindy Gant,

Board members present on Zoom/Telephone: Michael Clary

Absent board members: Ernie Newton, Charlie Waterman

Staff present in office: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas, Andrew Chione

Staff present on Zoom:

Guests present in office: Chris Claire (ODFW), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD)

Guests present on Zoom:

7:00PM Mark called meeting to order

7:01PM Mark asked for comments for July 28, 2022 minutes.

7:02PM Adela motioned to approve July 28, 2022 minutes. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

7:02PM Treasurer Report - Caley

- Received reports later than normal (accountant's office understaffed)
- Discussed funds requests
- Waiting on 5th deliverable for NWQI
- Tidegate grant will close out
- NBWL funds request discussed
- ODA additional allocation will change annual budget slightly

7:07PM Caley concluded

7:08PM Mark asked for comments

7:08PM Adela motioned to approved Treasurer Report. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

7:09PM Contract with Nehalem Marine

- Caley explained to the board regarding contract being signed by Leo
- He will put in a temporary berm tomorrow (08/26/22)
- Leo holds patents
- Blue Ridge Timber completed work outlined in first bullet item in 3B
- Fair price
- Funds need to be used or given back

- Fixed dike temporarily

7:18PM Adela motioned to approve Nehalem Marine contract with removal of first bullet point item in 3B of the contract. Cindy seconded. All in favor. Chris Claire votes yes to approve contract as a project committee member.

7:19PM Albertson's Waterways Contract

- Caley gave overview of contract and project
- Business Oregon requires separate contracts
- Discussed potential difficulty with neighbor
- Discussed Gatov project options

7:36PM Adela motioned to approve Waterways contract for Albertson's tidegate project and Gatov's project. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

7:39PM Cunningham Creek Fish Passage Project Opportunity – Andrew – See attached

- Sent out flyers
- 4000 acres of timberland
- Road maintenance
- Culverts
 - 2 culverts washed out
 - Replace pasture culvert – SWCD
 - Filled 2-3 years ago
- Possible CREP for match
- Water quality projects
- Landowners enthusiasm for the project
- Not in the SIA
- Multiple application to get funded
- Caley thinks it is a good project to move forward on
- Potential Coquille SAP
- Fish passage – coho
- Temperature 61 degrees

7:53PM Andrew asked the board for permission to apply for TA grant

8:04PM Adela motioned to approve Andrew working on submitting for the Cunningham Creek Fish Passage Project TA grant. Mark seconded. All in favor.

8:05PM Staff report – Modena – see attached

8:07PM Modena concluded

8:07PM Staff report – Caley

- Coquille WA Michael Hughes is hiring riparian specialist – possibly sub-contracting with SWCD

- Discussed pay scale and lack of benefits for SWCD employees
- Set aside time in future meetings to discuss vision for the future of SWCD
- Need to discuss structural issues
- Adela suggest to add to agenda for each month to be discussed
- Oregon retirement plans (saves)
- Discussed hiring a tech to assist Andrew with monitoring
- Consultant to do analysis for employees
 - Caley will research funding to pay consultant
 - Next meeting – discuss hiring consultant

8:26PM Caley concluded

8:27PM Mark wants to know from staff what is more valuable – benefits or pay

8:28PM Staff report – Andrew

- Finished sampling plan for SIA monitoring
- Site visits
 - Bridge over Elk Creek
 - Blackberries
 - Planting
 - K-line irrigation used
 - Riparian match with Barb
- Site visit next month – Larson’s
 - Llewellyn Creek
- Took another load of barb wire fence to be recycled
- Night switch put in work truck
- More funding available for SIA
 - Deadline October 1, 2022
- Part time position \$20/hr – no benefits

8:35PM Michael lost Zoom connection

- Split employee with Coquille WA
- Oregon oaks
 - S Fork Coquille
 - Explore idea of planting and growing oaks in the basin
 - Oak restoration site
 - Possibly pay CoqWA to raise oak

8:49PM Andrew concluded

8:49PM Safety Meeting

- Work truck fixed
- Yellow jackets

8:50PM Safety Meeting concluded

8:50PM Curry SWCD – Barbara Grant’s report

- Coos partnership funded
- Coquille SAP (Strategic Action Plan)
- South Fork discussed
- CREP – finished re-enrollments – 15 years
- Blueberry producer – pollinator plants – 09.14.22 site visit
- Milkweed
- Attended Coos and Curry fairs
- New landowners turnover – ‘homesteaders’

9:05PM Barbara concluded

9:05PM ODFW – Chris Claire’s report

- Continue to shock bass
- 2.2 mile stretch – 4500 bass
- Removed 957 bass
- Bear season
- Restoration projects

9:08PM Michael called back in via Zoom

- NBWL project

9:09PM Chris concluded

9:10PM Mark adjourned meeting

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date