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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
April 11, 2018
(Approved May 24, 2018)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM

Board members present:, Mark Villers, Ernie Newton, Adela Villers, Charlie Waterman, Dan Pierce, Chuck Steffensmeier

Absent board members:

Staff: Caley Sowers, Rushal Sedlemyer

Guests present: Christopher Claire (ODFW), Eric Moeggenberg (NRCS), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), John Fandel (CPA), Ed Hughes (CoosWA)

7:06PM Mark called meeting to order

7:08PM Board reviewed February 2018 minutes.

7:11PM Dan moved to approve February 2018. Ernie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

7:12PM Treasurer's report:

- Moved \$10,000 back to treasury
- Not underspent or overspent, but need to watch closely
- DEQ Grant; Rushal's hours have been billed incorrectly
- Discussed importance of general fund money
- New engagement letter; board needs to approve the language change

7:18PM Charlie motioned to approve new engagement letter. Dan seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

- Discussed OWEB re-allocating Small Grant funds for regions that use up all of their funding by the end of the first half of the biennium

7:22PM Ernie motioned to approve treasurer's report. Dan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

7:23PM Pistol River SIA handouts

- Discussion on how SIAs work and how Curry County chose the area.

7:31PM SW Oregon Basin Meeting and Roadshow

- Board members and staff are invited
- Will be at Curry SWCD office
- Can choose a partner and give them an award; Caley suggested we could reuse our cooperator of the year award from last Annual Meeting.

7:35PM Discussed Project Committee recommendations on Small Grants; all grants were Motion approved to submit to the Small Grant team

- Jan Geaney Project: still figuring out fencing component vs. heavy-use feeding area, highest value is the planting, but there is a high risk as well
- Charlie asked why she doesn't use her barn for feeding
- Eric suggested submitting it, but if not funded, then be done with the project
- Discussed other fencing options; such as smooth steel wire or poly wire, or permanent posts
- Could possibly discuss with her ways to have a more competitive application if not funded
- 7:49PM Adam's Creek Project
- \$6,000 budget item for culvert delivery noted that needs to be fixed; project already previously Motion approved to submit
- 7:50PM Randolph Slough Project
- Everyone likes this project; Motion approved to submit
- John Rowe may want the SWCD to do small planting projects for County Roads
- 7:52 Chuck Steffensmeier Project
- Application needs work/additional changes
- Caley had some confusion about the brush treatment acreage, her measurements in arc were not matching the EQIP estimates so she'd left that portion of the project off for now
- Chuck decided not to do CREP, so maybe switch OWEB budget line-item from K-line to fencing, which will make application more competitive

8:13PM Charlie moved to approve all 4 small grants as recommended by the Committee. Ernie seconded. Dan and Chuck sustained. All in favor. Motion approved.

8:14PM Staff report

- Tidegate stakeholder engagement grant discussed:
- Since initial proposal in January, Caley has been attending meetings with CoosWA and CoqWA to develop the proposal
- CoosWA is submitting grant and acting as fiscal agent, CoqWA and CoosSWCD are active partners; effort will be collaborative and cooperative
- Both Watersheds are doing or have completed tidegate inventories
- Ed discussed why this grant is important and the various components, including:
 - Landowner assistance,
 - Drainage district meeting outreach
 - Koffee-klatches,
 - Ultimate goal is that restoration/working-landscape type projects will develop from this grant
 - Need to gather landowner/partner letters of support
 - Salary for coordinator position

8:29PM Discussed landlord issues and recent noise complaint from new downstairs neighbors

- Caley said preference is not to have to move, as we have an extremely convenient location and cheap rent.
- 'No children at the office' policy suggested to placate landlord, who has suddenly expressed liability concerns despite not every having any problems in the past 4 years until last month.

8:40 Ernie motioned to approve the addition of the suggested 'no children' policy to the employee handbook. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

8:40PM Eric (NRCS)

- Equip going really well w/ 24 applications and 4 CSP applications
- Wrapping up dual role in Roseburg office
- 4 applications received for Chetco Bar Fire
- 68 applicants ODF has spoken with

8:42PM Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD)

- FSA and NRCS has lost programs
- Inquiry from APHIS
- Norma Kline wants feedback from small woodland owners about English ivy
- Issues w/ CREP: materials of fence life is 10 years and have 15 year old contracts, but no cost-share for new fence.

8:53PM Ed Hughes (CoosWA)

- Came to highlight tidegate grant and tidegate inventory
- SAP is rolling along and looking @ stream data
- Cyndi and Ed want to start going to our meetings and SWCD wants to be more present at CoosWA meetings

8:57PM Chris Claire (ODFW)

- Discussed issues w/ Wildlife Services trapping beavers
- Showed map and pictures of fish trapping at Winter Lakes
- Video of Coho jumping

9:04PM Mark called meeting adjourned.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date