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## Board Meeting Minutes

YAMHILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday December 10, 2008 15580 NW Orchard View Rd. McMinnville, OR

Directors	Present
Glen Grauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim LeTourneau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesse Lange	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Associate Directors	Present
Alton Cronk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stan Christensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patricia Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lucien Gunderman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hank Wyman	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

SWCD/Other	Present
Tim Stieber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josephine Reid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jean Reiher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chad Cherefko	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Darlene Grauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Paine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1) CALL TO ORDER: Jim LeTourneau Called the Meeting to order at 7:34 am

2) Minutes Approval

Vote Record - Minutes Acceptance November, 2008					
	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted					
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Amended					
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled					
Jim LeTourneau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dave Cruickshank	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jesse Lange	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gordon Dromgoole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Glen Grauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Comments: Gordon Cook let us know that number 14 should say Gordon Dromgoole not Gordon Cook. A correction to the voting tables for the Park Lease allocation was made as well.

3) Treasurer's Report

Vote Record - Treasurer's Report Acceptance of November 2008					
	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted					
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Amended					
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled					
Jim LeTourneau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Dave Cruickshank	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Comments:

Barbara asked about the OCEAN membership for Tim, Mike & Josie. Tim stated that it is an individual membership for OCEAN paid along with OACD convention fee.

#### 4) Correspondence

Comments:

**SWCC Email:** Tim explained Dan Logan’s compliments given in an email regarding our board minute format.

**OACD:** Stan stated that the OACD Bylaws committee is not following procedure. Jim stated that section 7 of the bylaws needed to be reworded (clarified) before we can vote on it. Sam suggested that we review the bylaws before the meeting in April to make sure all the comments we have been discussed are reviewed and input given to Barbara.

#### 5) Old Business

Comments:

**Associate Directors:** Tim reviewed the process for the associates and the new applicants that we have received in the office. Tim suggested that Michael Green would be good because of his ties to the vineyard industry. Pat Fitzgerald is also a good candidate and has served on a district board in Hawaii.

#### 6) New Business

Comments:

**Board Meeting Attendance:** the tally of board meetings was discussed/reviewed. Stan stated that he was sure he was present at the January meeting (later investigation proved him to be correct). Tim also explained the importance of Associates being in attendance due to the fact that they need to be aware of all the things that have been going on with the district just in case one has to be appointed to a director’s position due to some unforeseen circumstances. Al Cronk stated that he would like to be an associate for another term.

#### 7) District Management- Tim

Comments:

The Calendar for 2009 was discussed and asked if the board had conflicts with any of the dates. Stan stated that the RC & D meeting is held in Hillsboro not Forest Grove. Tim spoke about setting up a review of Goals for the District in March 2009. Stan suggested that we give a strategic plan to the new directors. Tim stated that he had planned on putting a packet together and will be doing so soon. Tim reviewed a handout on Organization Memberships breakdown of cost and reviewed it with the board. He explained the purpose of supporting each one. Barbara suggested that maybe Natural Connections should maybe become a member of the Small woodlands association. Tim said he would suggest it to the board however he feels that our membership is sufficient for now.

**Vote Record – Organization Membership List**

	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
Jim LeTourneux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Glen Grauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Accepted
- Accepted as Amended
- Tabled

## 8) Education and Outreach- Barbara

Comments:

Barbara stated that she was on an education committee panel where she spoke on behalf of the Chegwyn farm and our SWCD at a recent event in McMinnville.

## 9) Land Use - Gordon Dromgoole

Comments: Tim passed around a reply to one the land use applications. The board discussed the details of the residential care facility application.

Jean Reiher left @ 8:32am

Letter from PAL (Protects Agricultural Lands) The board suggested that Tim talk to Ramsey about correcting the area where agencies are written at the end of the PAL letter to have CC in front of the list as it isn't a representative of agency support but only that they were sent this letter.

## 10) Miller Woods

Comments:

Tim passed around the attendance list of who have come out to use Miller Woods. At the Natural Connections meeting Tim stated that he realized that it is going to take a while for NC to really get off the ground. Tim suggested that we wait on using money until there are more directors for NC board and get it going in the right direction first. Tim would like to use the money allocated as match for Grant Funds in the future to make the money last longer.

***Al Cronk left @ 8:46am.***

Tim passed around NC Minutes from the November meeting and the MW staff report.

**Chegwyn Plan:** Tim discussed explained the Chegwyn Strategic plan development to the board. Talked about the funding we received from ODA and other sources to help fund the plan. Tim asked for the boards ideas regarding the plan presented to them. Amie, Dean and mike Crabtree is considered match for the grant received for the plan. Sam asked about the 30 acre parcel down by the creek and asked if he was still going forward with bringing it back into grassland. Tim stated that Charlie is currently trying to get grass hay established on that field. He also stated that they are working with an Engineer to change the water rights point of entry.

***Michael Paine left @ 9:02am***

## 11) Noxious Weed Control- Dave

Comments:

**Purpose:** Discuss ongoing issues on Noxious Weed Control. Discussions about who is the actual weed board SWCD or the commissioners? Tim stated that we are the inspectors of the weeds not the board. Tim stated he would outline this purpose and goals for the next meeting. Committee Structure bring to next meeting.

## 12) Water Resources - Sam

Comments: Water Resources –

**Purpose-** Water Quality & Water Quantity has been the prime concern. Well testing?? Tim stated that he would review the Annual Work plan and check to see if he could find something in there about Water Resources that he could provide for direction to this committee.

### 13) Forest & Woodlands- Jim

Comments:

Jim stated that he felt the title of this section should be Forest and Woodlands instead of just forestry. Jim also stated that the money issue on price of lumber is still in grim conditions. He also stated that the 1000 friends of Oregon are aware of the impact of this issue.

### 14) Legislative- Gordon Dromgoole

Comments:

**Purpose:** Gordon stated that he felt his purpose was to report on issues that affect us and should be brought to our attention.

Gordon announced that Ron Alverado is the new State Conservationist.

### 15) Staff Reports- SWCD, YBC and Miller Woods

Comments:

None.

### 16) Board Member Reports- Activity Reports

Comments: Tim passed a Thank You card to Glen. Jim also passed around an article for a few laughs. Jim also presented Glen with retirement gifts. A few of the directors told stories of past times with Glen's water witching skills.

***Gordon Dromgoole left @ 9:30am.***

### 17) Agency Reports-

Comments:

The "time served" certificates were passed around to Jim, Glen , Sam and Gordon D. for serving over 20years on the board.

### 18) Public Comment-

Comments:

### 19) Adjournment- Jim LeTourneux adjourned the meeting at 9:37am