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Board Meeting Minutes

**YAMHILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 10, 2008 7:30 AM– Miller Woods 15580 NW Orchard View Rd. McMinnville, OR**

Directors	Present
Glen Grauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim LeTourneux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jesse Lange	<input checked="" 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"/>
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SWCD/Other	Present
Tim Stieber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josephine Reid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean Reiher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chad Cherefko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Greg Barber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Darlene Grauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ginger Loftus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monty Leathers, MW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Fenn, ODA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Charlene, ODA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Jim LeTourneux Called the Meeting to order at 7:35 am

2) Minutes Approval

Vote Record - Minutes Acceptance July, 2008					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded
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Vote Record - Minutes Acceptance August, 2008					
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Comments: July 9th Meeting unofficial no need to approve minutes from that meeting.

3) Treasurer's Report

Vote Record – Treasurer's Report Acceptance of August 2008					
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Comments:

Questions were raised about the purchase of a Trailer for Miller Woods. Tim explained that we bought a flatbed trailer due to no longer being able to borrow one from a cooperater. Questions were raised about the Cost Share/Bird Box deposit Tim explained that the Brey's reimbursed us for work that was performed on their property and that we had paid for. The other was the sale of a Bird Box.

4) Correspondence

Comments:

Sam asked Tim to send a letter to Tim Kreder to let him know that Mike Paine was named Conservation Landowner.

The board was given the list of Candidates that will be on the ballot November 4th.

A "Get Well" card was passed around for the Board to sign to send to John McDonald.

The Annual Meeting Invitation was passed around and Tim asked the Directors to be there by 5:00pm and to invite neighbors.

5) Old Business

Comments:

6) New Business

Comments:

Check Signing Policy Change- New language needs to change "Designated Alternate" to "Authorized Check Signers" The effective date of the new policy is September 10, 2008.

Vote Record – POLICY CHANGE					
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Tim spoke with the County Commissioners about Developing Habitat Conservation Plan for the county to help protect native plants in roadside areas. He also hoped this would assist in general roadside area management. USFW was also present and was a big supporter. Writing an HCP is a big project and it was really needed. This new grant will have a public component

too. Tim wrote the grant through USFW and it will pass through DSL and the county. The new grant will fund a new full time position on 3 year contract. A Contract with ODA will be written up to do surveys. Will be along county roads and county parks.

Al Cronk left @ 8:45am

7) District Management- Tim

Comments:

Tim passed around the bid sheet for buying a tractor to replace the old borrowed one that is no longer available. After much discussion the board voted to allow the district to purchase a new tractor for less than 25,500 including implements.

Vote Record –To Purchase MW Tractor for less than \$25,500 & Implements					
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- Accepted
- Accepted as Amended
- Tabled

8) Education and Outreach- Barbara

Comments:

Farmers Market- Barbara stated that the Noxious Weed booth at the Farmers Market in August looked great. Sept. 25th will be the ast of SWCD booths at the Market is going to have a theme on “Wildlife”. Barbara asked for the other members to please go to the OACD Convention being held in Newport this year. It will be a good learning experience and good networking opportunity. It is Oct. 31-Nov 3. Sign up by Oct. 16th.

VIP Energy Tour- 25 people attended. Barbara stated that Mike C. did a great job of planning the event. Mike Paine donated food and Tina’s donated food preparation time. The only cost was the van rental.

Miller Woods Outdoor school- Outdoor School will be September 22-25th. 1st & 2nd grade total 104 kids’. Volunteers Welcome. Jim stated that he is really pleased with the efforts to get kids out in the woods!

9) Land Use – Sam, Tim

Comments:

Land Use- Barbara questioned application #229- Whether it is a home business or hardship dwelling?

Glen questioned #232 Tim did not have the paperwork on these applications – forgot the file.

Jim mentioned the place in application #232 was on Dupee Valley Rd being divided into 10acre parcels to be sold as wine estates (based on 1914 plat map) Greg Demmers = Developer.

Landfill Review- Tim gave a quick review of the Landfill meeting and stated that the board needs to develop a “position letter” for the landfill. Tim will email out for board to provide input before next meeting.

10) Miller Woods

Comments:

Tim stated that the New Natural Connections board had 1st official meeting on August 20th. This Saturday they will be hosting the Yamhill Oaks Cleanup Volunteer Event. The new board however, still needs to appoint a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasure. Barbara requested minutes from those meetings be included in board packets.

11) Noxious Weed Control- Dave

Comments:

Dave stated that the Noxious Weed Booth at the Farmers Market was great. Tim stated that he got a \$20,000 grant to fight spurge laurel. Hard work due to steep ground on 6-7 landowners near Erratic Rock. The project will begin this fall.

12) Water Resources - Sam

Comments: Water Resources –

Tim passed around Jean Reiher's (Watershed Coordinator) info on a well and septic workshop that will be held in Newberg and in Amity. OWRD will be sponsoring a well monitoring program for landowners in the Eola Hills groundwater limited area and is looking for cooperators.

Stan left @ 9:20am

13) Forestry- Jim

Chegwyn Life Estate- Still in the works. Agnes had a life estate from her parents and the new arrangement with the district must honor that so that is the primary holdup toward completing the lefie estate with Charlie.

14) Legislative- Gordon

Comments:

Commodities prices dropping, Fuel & Fertilizer prices are rising.

15) Staff Reports- SWCD, YBC and Miller Woods

Comments:

16) Board Reports-

Comments:

LNG- Same stated that there is a Tour September 30th at 9am to tour through areas to be impacted. Hope to get politicians on the tour. Will cost too much for gas. Timber management will change. Can't grow trees 10ft to either side & 3 feet wide pipe. Fault lines also a problem.

17) Agency Reports-

Comments:

Chad stated that they are cleaning up contracts- deadline Sept 15th. Kim working hard on it. Oct 3rd deadline to sign up for EQIP. Includes Forestry this year, fencing for cattle exclusion, irrigation, vineyards. Eichler-Sheldon/Holt will hopefully get 12,000 reimbursed to the district. Kim's idea to get more people in our programs is to hold 4-5 meetings around county, invite key landowners, ask for help doing outreach. Chad stated that more sign ups lead to more funds for more stuff but it all starts with sign-ups. Gordon Cook- stated that it is hard to grade hard roads. Water truck would help. Where can they get water? Also ditch cleaning needs area to dump the scraping. Sam asked Gordon to invite the new Supervisor of the road dept to a board meeting.

18) Public Comment-

Comments:

19) Adjournment- Jim LeTourneux adjourned the meeting at 9:50am