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Board Meeting Minutes
YAMHILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday January 13, 2010 15580 NW Orchard View Rd. McMinnville, OR

Directors	Present
Leo Krick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim LeTourneau	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Sweeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Cruickshank	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Paine	<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"/>
Mike Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pat Fitzgerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SWCD/Other	Present
Tim Stieber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josephine Reid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chad Cherefko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kris Bledsoe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irma Koyama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kim Hudnall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Phelan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Kendall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER: Barbara Boyer Called the Meeting to order at 7:30 am**
- 2) **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval**

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record - Minutes Acceptance of December 2009					
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Comments:

3) Treasurer's Report

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record- Treasurer's Report Acceptance of December 2009					
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Comments: Tim handed out page 2 of the Treasurer's Report which was omitted in error from the board packet. Leo stated that he studied the Quarterly Review and all seems to be in order. Mike P. inquired if the Newsletter could be sent out all electronically, to which Tim responded that we do send out 500 electronically but mail out 3000 hard copies because many people don't want the email version; they wouldn't read it if it was electronic. We're trying to get people to respond but emails keep changing, making it hard to keep up. Leo stated that printed material is more effective and people will look at it more readily and more information is read. Al stated that the whole world is not electronic.

4) Correspondence

Comments:

Landuse Appeal: Leo stated that he received an email from the Newberg Graphic, which he forwarded to Tim and Jim, asking what his views are regarding this issue. At that time the special board meeting minutes hadn't been approved yet. Discussion ensued about how to respond to this inquiry. Tim suggested that the board members refer future inquiries concerning this issue to him. Mike G. suggested to why not issue a formal press release stating the board's position on this matter. Mike P. stated that they have been misquoted before, and to prevent future misquotes the board should be seen as holding a collective view. Al stated that when the board has made an official statement it must be presented as a united front. Mike G. said to let inquirers come to the board meeting if they're interested. Gordon D. said that once we've taken a vote it becomes a formal issue. Sam said it is logical for Tim to be the spokesman on the Landuse Appeal issue.

Vote Record– Tim to be Spokesman on Landuse Appeal Issue

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5) Old Business

Comments:

5A-1: Stan pointed out corrections needing to be made on the Meeting Calendar. Tim will publish a revised calendar for the next board meeting. He explained that there are no meetings scheduled as yet for the Landuse Committee because there is no topic; a meeting will be scheduled as soon as a topic emerges. Tim said there needs to be action to appoint a budget officer and a contract officer.

Vote Record– Meeting Calendar

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Tim stated that the Conservation Tours in the past have been good public relationship builders, and that he would like to incorporate this into Mike Crabtree's current position. There were suggestions made to hold public tours to conservation projects such as Gooseneck, Deer Creek, Brey, and Oak Restoration. Leo stated that the timing of these tours should be during the windows of opportunity during spring and fall, not during the busy season.

Gordon D. suggested including water conservation projects like Palmer Creek; older generations are aware of the water situation but newer generations are not and need to be informed.

It was decided to change the Chegwyn Farm Committee meeting to Friday, January 22, 2010.

Sam asked what is the *Yamhill Partners for Soil and Water*. Chad explained that it's a collective group of agencies such as USFW, the Tribe, the District, USDA, SWA, and Chehalem County Parks, to brainstorm about priority conservation areas.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– Acceptance of 2010 Meeting Calendar with Amendments					
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5A-2: Tim handed out Stan's *Whealdon-Day Rainfall Chart*.

5A-3: Special board meeting minutes approval.

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6) New Business

Comments: John Phelan and Steve Kendall from the Public Works Department were introduced. John highlighted some of the projects that the department has been working on, such as the paving or repaving of 16 miles of highway, the shoulder widening of 70 miles of highway, and the aggressive gravel program which is waiting for the rain to subside. Most of Public Works' bids came in at 40% or under, so it's been a good year.

Steve said that the ditch and shoulder spraying is working well; progress is being made but is being overwhelmed by Scotch Broom. They are also having a hard time keeping up with erosion control due to difficulty obtaining mulch and seed; special blends are needed. Discussion ensued about how and where to obtain materials needed for different areas. Kris asked about the Hill Road mess left by Evergreen and if there is anything the county can do to restore it. What was once a creek is now a raging river. John said that DEQ has been involved and that the drainage has changed substantially and needs looking into. It is out of his right-of-way because it's a county road, so who is supposed to address that?

Tim gave background about the situation with Evergreen and how they were supposed to stabilize and seed the area but didn't, and now we don't have a contact with them because the contact person was let go. John said the bridge work is his responsibility and the work went great. The rest is an intercultural land issue with a serious erosion problem. ODA has been made aware of this situation but has been ineffective as regards a solution. John suggested that if Tim could chase this down he would provide the manpower and equipment support. Tim asked for advice on how to address this problem. Gordon D. suggested writing a letter to Del Smith and also for Tim to write a letter to ODA and bring this issue to a meeting level with Evergreen; let Evergreen know that it's in the board minutes and that it's being watched. Stan suggested taking pictures of the problem site and sending them directly to Del Smith. Sam suggested setting up a meeting with Evergreen and having Kevin Fenn and his

supervisor attend.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– Tim to Compose a Letter to Evergreen					
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7) District Management- Tim

Comments:

Rental Agreement and Update: Tim highlighted **7A-1** and stated that there is an advertisement out for a new renter.

Gordon D. inquired about the screening process and what could be included in this in order to keep the renters long-term, and that future renters are made aware of the public use and meetings held on this property.

Mike P. asked Chad if he thought \$900 a month rent is a good number, to which Chad said yes.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– Rental Agreement and Update					
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Tim handed out the YSWCD Financial Evaluation and Board Appointments and Committee Assignments.

Kim H. left at 8:50 am

7A-2: Tim summarized the Special Fund Projects. Sam inquired about the Nutrient Trading Tool Development, to which Tim explained that it is a project similar to carbon credits. He is contracting with a private entity to see if it makes sense; funding by a grant has already been received.

Tim also stated that he and Barbara have discussed some banking issues with Larry Ojua about putting \$250K into a savings account to obtain higher interest; however, this would result in three things to reconcile, and would need board action.

7A-3: Tim explained the Activity Report and asked for future feedback regarding how to capture board member hours.

7A-4: Tim stated to the board that the only changes to the YSWCD Safety Policy are the italicized text on page 1. Sam inquired whether there is a specific procedure regarding safety issues for volunteers, to which Tim replied that we are covered.

Leo suggested putting out safety signage and also volunteered to do an annual safety inspection this summer.

Vote Record– Acceptance of Amended Safety Policy

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8) Education and Outreach- Barbara

Comments:

Summary of Activities: Tim outlined some of the goals stated in **8A-1.**

Gordon D. and Leo K. left at 9:30 am

9) Land Use – Sam & Jim

Comments:

Land Use Applications: Tim reviewed the Landuse Log.

10) Miller Woods and Chegwyn Farms

Comments:

10A-1: Tim briefly elaborated on the Miller Woods Project List, explaining the timelines for projects.

11) Noxious Weed Control- Dave

Comments:

Info on Programs: Sam shared with the board about *Geo-cashing* which is an activity taking place at Palmer Creek in Dayton. He said there is so much English Ivy and that ODA needs to be looking at some biological agent to control this. English Ivy is a severe problem in Yamhill County.

Kris mentioned that YBC and SOLV are looking at doing a community project concerning this issue.

12) Water Resources - Sam

Comments:

Well Monitoring: Tim discussed having YBC staff conduct water depth monitoring since it fits better with their mission.

13) Forest & Woodlands- Jim

Comments:

14) Legislative- Gordon Dromgoole

Comments:

15) Staff Reports- SWCD, YBC and Miller Woods

Comments:

16) Board Member Reports- Activity Reports

Comments:

Activity Report Summary:

17) Agency Reports-

Comments:

Chad reported that 75 old CSP applications have just been finished up. NRCS is taking in applications for EQIP, WHIP, and WRP through January 22. Mike Crabtree started another WRP application; there are two WRP applications so far this year. Sam asked if Kim applied for Chad's position, to which Chad replied that she did and that she is well qualified. Kris said YBC is considering going to quarterly meetings; the Council will decide. Stan signed up one CREP plan this last month.

18) Public Comment-

Comments:

19) Adjournment- Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am