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Board Meeting Minutes
YAMHILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday August 11, 2010 Miller Woods, McMinnville, OR

Directors	Present
Leo Krick	■
Jim LeTourneux	■
Barbara Boyer	■
Sam Sweeney	■
Dave Cruickshank	■
Michael Paine	■
Gordon Dromgoole	■

Associate Directors	Present
Alton Cronk	■
Gordon Cook	□
Patricia Farrell	□
Lucien Gunderman	□
Hank Wyman	□
Mike Green	■
Pat Fitzgerald	□

SWCD/Other	Present
Tim Stieber	■
Josephine Reid	□
Kim Hudnall	■
Annette Frank	□
Irma Koyama	■
Ramsey McPhillips	■
	□

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–July 2010 Minutes Acceptance					
	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded	
Jim LeTourneux	■	□	□	□	
Barbara Boyer	■	□	□	□	
Sam Sweeney	■	□	□	■	
Dave Cruickshank	■	□	■	□	
Michael Paine	■	□	□	□	
Gordon Dromgoole	■	□	□	□	
Leo Krick	■	□	□	□	

Comments:
 At this point there was a minute of silence observed in commemoration of Stan Christensen’s passing on August 9, 2010, followed by several anecdotes and stories involving Stan by Gordon, Leo, and Sam.

3) Treasurer’s Report

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– Treasurer’s Report Acceptance of July 2010					
	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Motion	Seconded	
Jim LeTourneux	■	□	■	□	
Barbara Boyer	■	□	□	□	
Sam Sweeney	■	□	□	■	
Dave Cruickshank	■	□	□	□	
Michael Paine	■	□	□	□	
Gordon Dromgoole	■	□	□	□	
Leo Krick	■	□	□	□	

4) Correspondence

Comments:

Tim passed around the *Quarterly ODA Newsletter* and the Carlton Plants' newsletter "*Plantline*" for the Board to review.

5) Old Business

Comments:

6) New Business

Comments:

7) District Management- Tim

Comments:

Operational Review Commitment:

This ODA review will come around every two or three years and we have already gone through it once before so the second time around will not be difficult. Many districts do not participate in this but it is worth the effort to us in order to secure the \$9300.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– Operation Review Commitment					
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7A-1:

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– Annual Workplan 2010-2011					
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7A-2:

This is Marie’s workplan for ODA; it does not show her work with HCP since it was not approved before this workplan was written up. A recording system has already been set up to show all Marie’s projects such as Evergreen, Grand Island, and 40 or 50 smaller ones. This report will be shown to the board once it gets a decent size to it.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– ODA Watershed Technical SOW					
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7H-1: Tim handed out the HCP position description which he rewrote and made it reflect discussions which took place at the special meeting. Yesterday Tim signed a grant agreement to get us the money. Our goals are to work with private landowners to safeguard several species, to do outreach related to prairies, use some of our staff and hire one person to take the lead of it, and hire part-time people in the spring to survey those properties and do the field work. This program will run for two to three years and hopefully at the end of this time we will have enough properties that we identify and can collectively write a conservation plan, go through a permitting process, and hire a contractor to do the field work. Amie would be highly suitable to take on this project. The term on this project is 2.5 years, starting hopefully this September. We will need to come up a 1-to-2 page press release so that we get out there in front explaining what we’re going to do. Once the permitting process is written up which would safeguard the properties from liability, once that is completed, all those people who are covered would be eligible for easement money which is underutilized nationally. It is fairly easy to access this easement money. We currently have the TNC down in Gopher Valley, and two other significant properties comprising 15+acres and many smaller “stepping-stone” properties. The big properties will be taken care of within the next year; then we’ll work on the smaller ones.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– To Offer Amie the HCP Field Biologist Position					
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8) Education and Outreach- Barbara

Comments:

8A-1: This year Tim would like to include two new awards – the Urban Conservationist Award and the Frieda Miller Conservation Educator Award. The deadline is August 20. Jim nominated John Collins for Urban Conservationist and stated that it is important, particularly with these new awards, to establish a high profile person; this will generate great press and Judge Collins has been very active in urban water conservation. Barbara has been working on an application for a McMinnville CSA family.

Tim would like to go over at the Annual Dinner what the Award winners have accomplished, in addition to the District stuff. Tim asked for a sub set of directors to help with the selections. Jim, Dave, and Leo volunteered.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record– Adopt Two New Conservation Forms for Awards and Appoint Selection Committee					
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Discussion ensued about setting up an award in Stan Christensen’s honor. Barbara suggested to set up an endowment fund. It was suggested to introduce this concept at the annual dinner. Dave suggested to coordinate this with the family before making any decisions.

The McMinnville Grand Ballroom is reserved for October 13 for the Annual Dinner. Brian Doyle from Newberg was recommended to us for the speaker.

8H-1: Tim handed out the *YSWCD Water Tour* information and highlighted the main points.

8H-2: *Grand Island Tour:* Tim passed around the tour flyer and discussed the application of having a quorum at the tour and it was decided that the tour is an educational/ informational event, and this must be stated to the public up front, thereby eliminating the quorum issue. Tim handed out an email he received from a Baker Rock spokesperson which expressed a rather hostile reaction to an accidental radio broadcast about the tour. Sam pointed out that the island will be transformed from an agricultural to an aggregate island and this will be what will be presented to the regulators. As a District all we are doing is providing information; we will provide our resource perspective and then back off. We want to avoid getting involved with anything confrontational. The aggregate community contributes to a really powerful lobby and has strong backing, whereas the little farming community groups have very little backing. There is enough rock in the state that they don’t need to get it from Class 1 & 2 soils.

Discussion ensued about how to respond to the email from Baker Rock. It was suggested to explain our Class 1 soils concerns but to be very transparent about these concerns; this is not a forum for us to indicate alignment with the Grand Island groups. It needs to be stressed that we are there for an informational event only. A representative from Baker Rock could be invited but would be limited to five minutes to speak since there are already many speakers who are all under time limits.

Sam and Tim will put together a response and send it around to the Board for approval.

Al Cronk left at 9:00 am

Gordon Dromgoole left at 9:05 am

9) Land Use – Sam/Jim

Comments:

Land Use Table:

Tim briefly explained his reason for not supporting #328 because the request was for a doctor’s office inside a winery. Approving this application would set a precedent for further development leading to increased pressure on roads, water, and development on farmland soils.

Mike Paine left at 9:14 am

Ramsey McPhillips updated the Board regarding how Waste Not met with their attorney before he appeared in front of LUBA, and he stated that they did not get together all this money just so he could try to get a remand on small technicalities; they want a full-on reversal based on the basic principle that the State of Oregon does not allow landfills on farmland and no county can override that – the State has precedence. The county can go to the State and ask for an exception on prime farmland ONLY if there is an exceptional reason. What the commissioners and Waste Management were trying to do was to ignore the county’s own law, go into State law and say we have an exceptional problem in Yamhill County and that we have to have this landfill.

Ramsey learned from DEQ that the landfill is going to be filled up before its closing date of October 2014. The

situation is becoming muddier; the clock is ticking in our favor. For now it is State vs. County Commissioners. Yamhill County has the strictest restrictions in that it does not allow landfills on any farmlands; now the commissioners want to open up these restrictions and make them more lax. Ramsey is here to request funding support. He also informed the Board that there will be a fundraiser on August 21 to which 500 families within a three mile circumference of the landfill are invited. He requested if someone from SWCD could come and speak at this event. Ramsey stated that this county has a serious problem with its Comprehensive Plan; it hasn't been re-upped since the 1990's and it should be done every five years; that is State law. It will take a lot of money and persistence but Ramsey is very optimistic that these delays will work in our favor. He and Waste Not are working on a newspaper article titled "*How The Waste Was Won*".

Barbara tabled the funding request until next month's meeting so the full Board can make the decision.

Leo Krick left at 9:25 am

10) Miller Woods and Chegwyn Farms

Comments:

10A-1: Tim briefly explained the "*Conflict of Interest Policy*" in the Natural Connection Meeting Minutes. The Chegwyn meeting has been postponed from August to September. The Miller Woods nursery is nearing completion.

11) Noxious Weed Control- Dave

Comments:

Tim mentioned that the Adopt-A-Highway Program would not be feasible for us do since we can't use mechanical or chemical means; weed clearing can only be done by push mower, clippers, or by hand.

August 26 will be the Weed Booth at Farmers Market.

12) Water Resources - Sam

Comments:

Tim related to the Board that we were going to do some well depth work; he bought the meter, got some people started on it and they never finished the work. He is working out a plan to work with the watershed council.

13) Forest & Woodlands- Jim

Comments:

Jim shared with the Board about the tour he hosted on his property which included the annual meeting and picnic. Among the guests were Friends of Yamhill County and the Nature Conservancy, and much was learned by all.

14) Legislative- Gordon Dromgoole

Comments:

No legislative issues were raised.

15) Staff Reports- SWCD, YBC and Miller Woods

Comments:

There was discussion about various ways to honor Stan's life work including starting our own "Christensen Conservation Incentive Program", naming our Miller Woods conference room after Stan, and setting up an endowment fund using money from the tree sale.

16) Board Member Reports- Activity Reports

Comments:

Activity Report Summary:

17) Agency Reports-

Comments:

16A-I: Kim briefly recapped her staff report.

18) Public Comment-

Comments:

19) Adjournment- Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at *9:55 am*