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## Board Meeting Minutes

**YAMHILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday December 15, 2010 15580 NW Orchard View Rd. 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	□
Irma Koyama	■
Jeff Sanders	■
Amie Loop-Frison	■
Jeff Sanders	■

**1) CALL TO ORDER: Barbara Boyer Called the Meeting to order at 7:30 am**

**2) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Vote Record- Minutes Acceptance for November 2010**

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

- Accepted
- Accepted as Amended
- Tabled

Comments:

**3) Treasurer's Report**

**Vote Record- Treasurer's Report Acceptance of November 2010**

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

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Comments:

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#### 4) Correspondence

Comments:

Letters received in office: Tim passed around the Hagan-Hamilton Insurance Policy book and briefly summarized 4A-1. Discussion ensued about there needing to be some decisions made about what is worth insuring on the Chegwyn property. The office building at USDA service center needs a security system and we will need to write a grant request for this because the building owners will not do anything. The grant will be for \$2-3K. Tim requested assistance from a director to have a meeting with Charlie; Sam Sweeney volunteered.

4A-2: USFW News Release. Tim put this letter in there to show that one of the reasons we accepted the HCP proposal was that once we get done we will be able to acquire funds to protect lands; there is a fund in this description of the HCP land acquisition grant. If you have an HCP you’re eligible, if you don’t, you’re not.

4A-3: Tim explained the challenges of getting people to sign up for programs – often we are told that there are no funds but money shows up later. There needs to be a way found to make these programs work better. Tim would like his staff to have more confidence that money will be there if the planning is completed. If you don’t plan for it goes to Marion or Clackamas who do have plans. We need to take more control and take the lead on how these programs’ money gets spent. We will need more board involvement in this matter in the future. We need to plan and assume there’s money so the notices to sign forms don’t go out at the last minute. These programs should be promoted year-round. Our next meeting will focus on setting priorities for acceptable practices. YSWCD should be involved in the ranking process. The way money is obtained is to do these plans and to have a focused project that has a defined work plan. The board should be part of the landowner selection.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – To Pursue Locally-Led Conservation Policy</b>					
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#### 5) Old Business

Comments:

#### 6) New Business

Comments

## 7) District Management- Tim

Comments: Josh Togstad introduced himself to the board.

**HCP Update:** Amie updated the board on the HCP program. She reported that she was able to reach an agreement with USFW regarding landowner confidentiality and that she will only have to report down to a 2-mile radius of butterfly or lupine finds, unless they want to participate within the HCP. Amie is getting ready to do her big mailing of about 3200 landowners in mid-January, and she passed around the brochure to be mailed. Amie, along with Josh and Dean, will be doing the actual lupine surveys in Spring, which is key lupine blooming time. USFW will do the butterfly survey. We used information from the Nature Conservancy which had mapped out aerial surveys of where prairie habitats were.

**7A-1:** Tim went over the Schedule of Events form and there are some additions to be added.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record– Acceptance of 2011 Schedule of Events Form with Additions</b>					
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**7A-2:** The Board Appointments are being assigned a month early while Jim is still here, and also because Barbara will not be here in January.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record– Acceptance of 2011 Board Assignments as per Table Attached</b>					
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The board approved the board assignments with the following changes:

District Board Treasurer/Secretary – Mike Green to replace Leo Krick

Land Use Committee Chair – Jim LeTourneux to be added to Sam Sweeney, Mike Paine, and Gordon Cook

YBC/SWCD Representative – Mike Green to be surrogate for Mike Paine

Yamhill County Extension Advisory Committee – Jim LeTourneux to replace Barbara Boyer

Point Person for Miller Woods – Leo Krick to replace Jim LeTourneux

Safety Committee – Leo Krick, Mike Crabtree and Tim Stieber

Jim LeTourneux was appointed Director Emeritus and presented with a Miller Woods jacket and congratulated on his 20 years of service. Jim praised the board for being good to work with.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record– Appoint Jim LeTourneux as Director Emeritus</b>					
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**7A-3:** Tim went over the *New and Existing Projects*. Tim also passed around the letter from OACD regarding the “past due” invoice they sent YSWCD. Jerry Nicolescue will be here to discuss this issue in January. As discussed at November’s board meeting, the board does not believe that OACD is currently providing services that relate to a dues payment over the bare minimum of \$1000. OACD has not had very effective leadership for several years, thus rendering their services virtually ineffective. Barbara informed the board that Carla Sanders at ODA has given her notice of retirement. She was providing important support for SWCDs.

## **8) Education and Outreach- Barbara**

Comments:

**8A-1:** Tim went over the *Upcoming Events List*.

Barbara shared with the board that she attended her first city/county dinner, at which there were 85 attendees. Barbara got to speak and stated that there were 12-15 people who did not know about SWCD. She had to publicly clarify the lawsuit that certain groups filed against the county and that YSWCD is not involved in that. None of the county commissioners attended this dinner. Barbara asked when the Stan Christensen Forum will be inserted into the list of upcoming events; this has not been solidified yet but will be when we get a really good first speaker.

## **9) Land Use – Sam/Jim**

Comments: Sam gave the board a report on Grand Island, stating that the next hearing will be held on January 6, 2011, at 10:00am. Sam gave a synopsis of the hearing held on November 10. The Baker Rock application resulted in a non-profit organization being formed called “Protect Grand Island Farms”, whose primary purpose is to oppose zone changes that would diminish agriculture on the island. This organization also wants to pursue conservation projects that would improve the natural resources on Grand Island. Baker Rock will have to get an easement from the State Parks, among other obstacles they will have to overcome. LNG just faced a setback – they were told they did not have enough data for their application to be processed within a certain time frame and they will probably have to drop the project. Tim briefly mentioned the one land use application. Tim handed out Christmas cards for the board.

## **10) Miller Woods and Chegwyn Farms**

Comments:

**10A-1:** Tim summarized the Miller Woods Nursery report which he put together for his meeting with the Council and the BLM. He also did a pictorial report for Chegwyn. We’ve done some ivy removal. The roof should be almost done by now. Sam and Tim will visit soon to inspect.

Tim said we need to see how much infrastructure is out at Miller Woods so replacement costs can be estimated.

## **11) Noxious Weed Control- Dave**

Comments: Dave read another article on how horsetail weed is encroaching on land throughout the US and is roundup resistant.

## **12) Water Resources – Sam**

Comments: The well-monitoring project was brought up, to which Jeff Sanders replied that the project has temporarily stalled but will be revived upon receipt of a small grant.

### 13) Forest & Woodlands- Jim & Al

Comments: Jim hopes to have another report next month regarding the Point Source Pollutant Areas. It was decided to add Al Cronk to this Forest & Woodlands report section. Pat Fitzgerald was congratulated on his informative OACD Convention letter.

### 14) Legislative- Gordon Dromgoole

Comments: Gordon informed the board about the wuff packs that are keeping the cattle moving and making it near impossible to use the herd dogs. Also, the loss of grazing ground is creating a shortage of sheep and lamb. Gordon also informed the board about the Wapato Lake Wetland Project near Gaston.

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

Comments: Jeff Sanders mentioned that YBC will be applying for a DEQ 319 non-point source grant to do a total ecoli characterization on Cozine Creek at its confluence with the Yamhill River, and will be partnering with the City of McMinnville on this.

Sam inquired about the lawsuit to which Amie replied that she heard that things are going well and that the county is willing to work with USFW and is applying for HCP money. They may not get it because there is some anger at the state level about the turndown of the original offer. Amie's article on Fender's Blue will be printed January 8.

### 16) Board Member Reports- Activity Reports

Comments:

**Activity Report Summary:** Barbara informed the board that she will not be here in January so Dave will conduct the board meeting.

### 17) Agency Reports- Kim

Comments: NRCS report included in board packet. Kim was out of the office and thus was unable to attend the board meeting.

### 18) Public Comment-

Comments:

### 19) Adjournment- Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 10:16 am