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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**YAMHILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday March 9, 2011 15580 NW Orchard View Rd. McMinnville, OR**

| Directors        | Present |
|------------------|---------|
| Leo Krick        | ■       |
| Mike Green       | ■       |
| Barbara Boyer    | ■       |
| Sam Sweeney      | □       |
| Dave Cruickshank | ■       |
| Michael Paine    | ■       |
| Gordon Dromgoole | ■       |

| Associate Directors | Present |
|---------------------|---------|
| Alton Cronk         | ■       |
| Gordon Cook         | □       |
| Patricia Farrell    | □       |
| Lucien Gunderman    | □       |
| Hank Wyman          | □       |
| Jim LeTourneux      | □       |
| Pat Fitzgerald      | ■       |

| SWCD/Other        | Present |
|-------------------|---------|
| Tim Stieber       | ■       |
| Josephine Reid    | □       |
| Kim Hudnall       | ■       |
| Irma Koyama       | ■       |
| Sergio Villasenor | ■       |
|                   | □       |

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 February 2011**

|                  | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Motion | Seconded |
|------------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Mike Green       | ■       | □      | □      | □        |
| Barbara Boyer    | ■       | □      | □      | □        |
| Sam Sweeney      | □       | □      | □      | □        |
| Dave Cruickshank | ■       | □      | ■      | □        |
| Michael Paine    | ■       | □      | □      | □        |
| Gordon Dromgoole | ■       | □      | □      | □        |
| Leo Krick        | ■       | □      | □      | ■        |

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Comments:

**3) Treasurer's Report**

**Vote Record- Treasurer's Report Acceptance of February 2011**

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

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Comments: Questions were raised about the HCP and weed brochures to which Tim explained that the funding for producing those were from the outreach funding we received from ODA. Tim also explained that the Nutrient Trade Tool is would a trading tool like the one developed for carbon. The software program has been developed and now we are doing the modeling. It is a tool used to measure the success of a project based on the nutrients that are going to come out of the bottom of a project and impact the river, and how to compensate people implementing those practices. If it is adopted it will come out of a USDA/CIG grant.

Tim handed out hats with the YSWCD logo on them for the directors and associates.

#### 4) Correspondence - Tim

Comments: **4A-1: HJR 29** Tim elaborated on the *Urgent Request for Support and Contact in Support of Measure 76* and asked for board approval for the District taking a position and he will submit the appropriate letters on behalf of the board.

**Vote Record– Tim to Write a Letter on Behalf of the District in Opposition to HJR 29**

|                  | Yes/Aye                             | No/Nay                   | Motion                              | Seconded                            |
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**4A-2:**

Letters passed around were 1) Farm Fest 2011 Plowing Competition flyer, 2) Energy Efficiency in Conservation flyer, 3) Card and donation to Stan Fund from Connie Keyes, 4) letter from Betty Chegwyn to Mike Paine, 5) Article in *News Register* mentioning our partnering with McMinnville Education Foundation in providing outdoor lab at Miller Woods for county students, 6) OWEB Oregon Plan flyer, and 7) CREP Technician Coverage Map.

#### 5) Old Business

Comments: **5A-1:** Tim brought up that there is an error on the staff and directors list that was distributed – Leo Krick is no longer the treasurer, it is now Mike Green.

**Vote Record– Adopt the Same List of Directors Emeritus and Associates for Another Calendar Year**

|                  | Yes/Aye                             | No/Nay                   | Motion                              | Seconded                            |
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#### 6) New Business

No Comments

## 7) District Management- Tim

Comments: **7A-1:** Tim explained the Goodwin situation regarding the ODFW/LIP project for which SWCD obtained fencing material. The fence was never built and SWCD never got reimbursed for the \$1,168.30 spent. The property owners don't take our phone calls and the letter which Tim sent him came back. Tim asked the board for direction on how to proceed with this situation. This is a known Fenders Blue site. It was suggested for Tim and Mike Crabtree to pay a personal visit to make contact with the landowner and proceed from there.

**7A-2:** Tim listed all the projects we are currently working on. We are going to reorganize our budget based on how the funding for activities is obligated. This will also line up better with the needs of the auditor.

**7A-3:** Tim summarized the Native Plant Sale. The better profits came from the plants we grew ourselves at Miller Woods nursery.

**7H-1:** Tim reviewed the *Survey of SWCDS Tax Summary*. The \$ for Marion County looks too low and must be incorrect.

Tim handed out a letter from local CPA Kellie Menke which was provided to YSWCD to help us plan for the reporting requirements and determine whether any changes to our budget are needed. Tim and Mike Green are working on obtaining a new auditor, someone local and easily accessible who could be a resource to the district. With all the different types of venues we are involved in it would be beneficial to have someone who understands our financial business and can provide some guidance and insights. Local access would be worth the extra cost. The question is would we use Menke to get our books in the right format and still use the regular auditor, or do we make her our permanent auditor? It was decided to make a motion to ask Kellie Menke for an engagement letter from her and to allow her to send a letter to our past auditor – Gregor Professional.

**Vote Record– Kellie Menke to Send YSWCD an Engagement Letter and to Allow Her to Send a Letter to Gregor Professional**

|  | Yes/Aye          | No/Nay                              | Motion                              | Seconded                            |
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## 8) Education and Outreach- Barbara

Comments:

**8A-1:** Discussion ensued regarding 2011 Farmers Market. It was suggested that having the animal pelts displayed in the past would be open to incorrect interpretation by the public. Perhaps it would be more beneficial to draw more attention to the services we have to offer by exhibiting more photos and displays of projects and programs provide access to such as USDA programs. The booth needs to be telling our story and be used as a platform to highlight some of our projects, including urban ones, from start to finish. We could even have a booth at events such as *Derby Days*. Tim brought up that Wendel Kringen has put in over 5000 hours of volunteer time over the years and Tim would like to present him with a plaque which could be displayed in the trailhead building.

*Al Cronk left at 8:47*

## 9) Land Use – Sam/Jim

Comments : **9A-1:** There are committees working on rules pertaining to the holding of events in rural areas - so more applications have been coming in lately. Pat shared with the board the details of a meeting he attended with Mike Green regarding the wineries wanting to get unlimited numbers of events year round. Mike G. stated that there are 7 bills on the legislation regarding this topic of conditional uses on productive farm lands. Yamhill county has the broadest base for conditional use. Mike will send the 7 bills to Tim for his review. There are certain standards to apply but it is after the approval that there is no enforceability; once it goes through it is not fixable. There should be an annual renewal fee – this would help set limits and enforce them. It was suggested that as a district we should write a standard letter to the Planning Commission stating our position on what should be

used as an evaluation criteria. Any ideas could be sent to Mike G. and he will forward them to Tim. Tim can present the letter as a draft at the next board meeting.

Ramsey did not attend the board meeting so Tim updated the board on the status of Riverbend Landfill expansion.

**9H-1:** Tim handed out a map of *Location of Rural Residential Structures* and explained it.

Tim handed out the Winter Working forest Conservation Easement plan with map. Tim was contacted by Scott Ferguson, the forester who manages the Trappist Abbey land. He is looking for a local entity to hold the easement and asked if we would be interested in being a holder. We have not committed to anything but could invite him to meet with us and provide us with more information. The decision deadline is April 18. A condition we would have to put on is that there is stewardship money available to us. This would be a fairly easy easement to do, mostly consisting of oversight.

**Vote Record– Tim to Proceed With Dialog With Scott Ferguson Without Any Commitments At This Point**

|                  | Yes/Aye                             | No/Nay                   | Motion                              | Seconded                            |
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**10) Programs Used by SWCD – Tim/Kim**

Comments:

**10A-1:** Kim summarized the *Fact Sheet* and explained the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). This program has been under-utilized in recent years and current sign ups have been for renewals. Kim explained the procedure for sign ups. It was questioned if CRP is a good fit for Yamhill County. We will talk about EQIP at the next board meeting. Tim handed out the Farm Bill 2008 brochure showing the programs USDA has to offer.

**11) Miller Woods & Chegwyn - Tim**

Comments: **11H-1:** Tim reviewed the *Chegwyn Farms Strategic Plan* and requested for the directors to look it over and talk about it at the next board meeting. It was suggested that the long term outlook for the Chegwyns be included in the plan. Tim informed the board that he will have Bernadette Hansen do the transfer of the water rights from Chegwyn; she is experienced in this area and we will use her as valued staff. It will cost \$500 to have her do this but it will be well worth it. Tim and Mike Crabtree are exploring setting up a solar water storage facility similar to Mike Paine’s so there will be water available during the summer when the river is at its slowest. There is enough money in the Miller Woods fund to hire an intern for the summer for 3 to 4 days a week to finish the trail management plan. There are sections of trail that will need to be closed for future winters or moved due to wet conditions. We will try to get a college person this time.

**12) Noxious Weed Control - Dave**

Comments: **12H-1:** Tim handed out the *Oregon Cooperative Weed Management* bulletin. There is a movement to pass a Bill which would allow a structure to support local weed districts. HB3358 is being proposed to provide a funding mechanism at no immediate cost to the state. It has always been a problem that we are responsible for noxious weed management but don’t have stable funding to do it. Tim wrote a letter in support of this Bill.

**13) Staff Reports – SWCD, YBC & Miller Woods**

Comments:

**14) Board Member Reports – Activity Report**

Comments: Pat Fitzgerald gave an overview of the DEQ hearing he attended on February 24 in Portland. Pat sees the biggest problem between water quality agencies as lack of communication.

**15) Agency Reports - Kim**

Comments: Refer to 10)

**16) Public Comment**

Comments:

**17) Adjournment- Barbara Boyer adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am**