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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

YAMHILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 9th, 2008, 7:30am – Miller Woods Conference Room, McMinnville, Oregon

ATTENDANCE

Directors

Barbara Boyer
Dave Cruickshank
Glen Grauer
Jim LeTourneux
Sam Sweeney
Jesse Lange
Gordon Dromgoole

Associate Directors

Al Cronk
Gordon Cook

SWCD Staff

Josephine Reid
Tim Stieber

Other

Jean Reiher, YBC
Kim Hudnall, NRCS

1) CALL TO ORDER

Jim LeTourneux called the meeting to order at 7:38 am

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attachment 1- December Board Minutes

Action: Dave Cruickshank moved to have Jim Letourneux continue for another year as Chair. Barbara Boyer seconded.

Action: Sam moved to have Barbara Boyer continue to serve as our Vice Chair. Jim LeTourneux seconded.

Action: Jim LeTourneux moved to have Jesse Lange continue as our Secretary Treasurer Barbara Boyer seconded. The board unanimously approved all three motions.

Jim complimented the district on receiving the award at the OACD Annual Meeting and for being named one of the top business in the newspaper over the weekend.

Action: Jim moved to approve the December 2007 board meeting minutes as corrected Dave Cruickshank seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

3) APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Attachment 2- December Treasurers Reports

Action: Glen Grauer moved to approve the December 2007 Treasurer's report. Jesse Lange seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion

Attachment 3- Current Funded Projects- Tim explained what has changed on currently funded projects. Sam asked Jean Reiher about the Deer Creek Project and the control of Tinsil Weed at the site. She explained that due to there being no coordinator it was not taken care of as much as they would have liked. She went on to explain that next year they hope to run the discus over it more than was done this year. She also gave an update on the rest of her currently funded projects. Sam asked if she will let the board know the reports about the Water Quality results when they become available. Jim explained that he was amazed by the Tribes success on bringing Coho back into Agency Creek.

Attachment 4- Financial Evaluation-

Barbara and Jesse gave their report on the District evaluation they did in December. They also explained to the board that it did not take very long and that everything checked out.

4) CORRESPONDENCE

Mail received in the office for the board members was passed around. 2008 Calendars & Mini Calendars were given to those who wanted them.

- Handout Horticulture Society Mtg.- Tim passed around the flyer to inform the board on this meeting
- An OPB card was passed around that Tim received in the office.
- Stan passed around the Rain Data that he collected through 2007.
- Stan also passed around some past newspaper articles that had Dave Cruickshank in them.

Stan arrived at 8:05

- 5) **Old Business- Attachment 5- District Meeting Schedule-** Tim discussed the addition of Chegwyn Farm Easement to the schedule. Tim let us know that he is considering having an open house at Miller Woods for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Gordon Cook arrived at 8:16am

-**Cooperator Signs-** the remainder of the signs were handed out to the board to give to people that they knew that ordered a sign from us.

6) New Business-

Attachment 6 - Board Appointments- Jim let the board know that board members know how important it is to have them represent the district at the various committee meetings.

- **Ag Quality- Sam Sweeney-** has accepted and will continue as chair person for these meetings.

- **Budget Committee-** The Board

- **Employee Relations- Barbara Boyer-** has accepted and will continue as the Employee Rep.

- **Land Use- Gordon Cook-** has accepted and will stand in as the co-chair with Jim LeTourneau.

- **Conservation Plan Signer- Stan Christenson-** has accepted to continue as the Plan Signer.

- **Contract Officer- Tim Stieber-** Tim will continue as the Contract Officer.

- **Chegwyn Farms Strategic Plan-** Tim explained the need for board members to help come up with a plan for Chegwyn and then appoint an officer to oversee the plan.

- **McMinnville Chamber- Barbara Boyer** has accepted and will continue to represent the District at Chamber Meetings.

- **Chehalem Valley Chamber – Jesse Lange** has accepted and will continue on to represent the District at Chamber Meetings.

- **Mid Valley Commission- Stan** has accepted and will continue to represent us.

- **County Road Dept- Gordon Cook** has accepted and will continue to represent the District with the County.



- **Miller Woods Committee- Jim LeTourneux** has accepted and will continue to represent us.

- **Noxious Weeds- Dave Cruickshank** has accepted and will continue to represent us.

- **OACD- Barbara Boyer** has accepted and will continue to represent us with OACD

- **Oregon Small Woodlands- Dave Cruickshank** has accepted and will represent us instead of Jim this year.

- **RC&D Council-** Stan asked that someone also attend the meetings to become familiar with this program. **Al Cronk** has accepted and will represent us with **Stan C.** at these meetings. .

- **Small Grant Rep - Barbara Boyer** has accepted and will continue to represent us here.

- **YBC SWCD Rep-**Stan will continue with **Gordon Dromgoole** to represent us here.

- **OACD Annual Meeting delegates- Barbara Boyer** has accepted and will continue to be the delegate for this.

- **Oregon Farm Bureau-Dave Cruickshank** has accepted and will continue with **Gordon Dromgoole** to represent us here.

- **Yamhill County Ext. Advisory board- Sam Sweeney, Barbara Boyer, and Al Cronk** have accepted and will continue to represent us here.

Action: Sam Sweeney moved and Jesse Lange seconded to approve there board appointed position as listed above for the year 2008. The Board approved unanimously

- **Chehalem Valley Chamber Renewal Membership-** Jesse is already an active participant here. Barbara said it is important for us to have a presence here. The board decided to renew the memberships as they come up.

7) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) District Management Report

Attachment 7 –Budget Calendar-

Action: Dave Cruickshank moved to approve the 2008 budget calendar and Barbara Boyer seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Attachment 8 – Activities Report- Tim passed around the activities report for the board to fill out. He let them know how important it is to know what they do for us. It shows local involvement and many other positives to track this.

B) Land Use- No land use applications responded to. Only three received.

Chegwyn Update- Tim gave an update of land exchange completion between Charlie and Mark. He also let the board know about his time frame on completing the easement on the Chegwyn farm this year. Sam explained how complicated the process has been on this easement and that Tim has handled it very well.

C) Miller Woods-

- ***Meeting with Educators-*** Tim let the board know that the educators discussed maybe bringing back the sixth grade outdoor school and doing it at Miller Woods and to have us facilitate it. There will be no extra cost to us. There is a benefit to work with the Ed Foundation and the District with the development of our curriculum at Miller Woods Tim passed around a Non Profit development plan for Miller Woods. The board discussed the positives about combining Miller Woods and Chegwyn Farms under one 501(c)3.

D) Noxious Weed Control-



- **Spurge Laurel Requests to ODA**- Dave Cruickshank handed around a noxious weed list and the board discussed the information on the sheet. Tim explained that he requested to ODA to put Spurge Laurel on the list so that it can be funded in the future.

8) CURRENT EVENTS

A) Forestry- Jim- Jim stated that he went to Netarts in December and spoke about the devastation at the coast. The board discussed what they had seen as well.

B) Legislative-Gordon D. - Gordon discussed the rural water issues happening and what may be able to be done about the water shortage.

C) Water Issues- Sam-

Stan's Rain Data- Stan passed around his rain date sheet for the year 2007. Jim thanked Stan for bringing the rain data for them to have.

D) Education and Outreach- Barbara-

9) STAFF REPORTS

Attachment 7 – SWCD & YBC Staff Reports no comments were made on the staff reports.

The Miller Woods report was passed around to the board.

Sam asked how the Vineyard meeting held here at Miller Woods went. Tim explained the outcome to the board.

10) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

GORDON COOK - spoke about the need for funding to replace a bridge. The committee changed the priority of the classifications of roads. In the future he is going to emphasize the need for gravel road maintenance and NEW CRITERIA for them as well.

SAM SWEENEY- gave us his report on the LNG meeting. He also spoke about the tsunami zone needs to be moved up because they under estimated the impact of a tsunami. He also discussed the risks that occur with the pipelines in these zones. He asked if Tim would help write another letter.

He also spoke about planning a group in McMinnville for opposition on the Pipeline.

Action: Dave Cruickshank moved to write a letter in opposition to the governor to stop the pipeline at the Columbia River. Sam Sweeney Seconded. The board approved unanimously.

Barbara- went to the small grants meeting and gave her report.

11) AGENCY REPORTS-NRCS KIM HUDNALL-

Kim gave us the update on the situation with the open DC Position.

12) Public Comment

No public present

13) ADJOURNMENT

Jim adjourned the meeting at 10:30am

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Reid, Yamhill SWCD, Office Administrator

