



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

## Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved May 20, 2014

### *SWCD Special Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2014*

#### Present:

**Directors:** Don Guttridge, Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson, Ron Oberg, Joan Zuber

**Associate Directors:** Robin Harrower

**Staff:** Lisa Kilders, Clair Klock, Marlene Lloyd, Cathy McQueeney, Tom Salzer

**Guest:** County Commissioner Martha Schrader

#### ***CALL TO ORDER and AMEND/ACCEPT AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT***

Chair Oberg called the special meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the ONESop program with County Commissioner Martha Schrader.

#### ***DISCUSSION***

Manager Salzer gave a brief overview of the Clackamas County Food System ONESop (ONESop) program. This is a Community Solutions Project which originated from the Oregon Department of Business Development. He compared the program to a "concierge service" for farmers and the general public that would provide a centralized online location for producers to access resources in Clackamas County.

Manager Salzer, as the Conservation District representative, has been part of a coalition of agricultural stakeholders who have been collaborating on this project over the past several months.

This meeting was held to provide the board with information they may need to consider before being asked to sign a memorandum of agreement to move forward with this project with the Department of Business Development. Manager Salzer noted that signing this memorandum of agreement would ensure that the District continues to have a presence in the process of developing this program, but that it does not require a big commitment on the part of the District beyond the level of assistance the District already provides.

County Commissioner Martha Schrader noted that:

- Agriculture is a key economic driver in the County.
- Clackamas County is positioned to be the "bread basket" of the Portland metropolitan area.
- Information provided by Clackamas County farmers and producers was used to develop the program.

- The program will be housed as an online website and will be comprised of various “portals” such as: what to grow and how; regulations; networking; resource conservation; small farming equipment; and others.
- There are close to 40 partners working together on the program including: Ecotrust, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Clackamas Community College, Oregon State University Extension, Clackamas County Small Business Program, and others.
- Additional information about the ONESop program can be found at the website:  
<http://orsolutions.org/osproject/CCOS>

Manager Salzer noted that there is no cost to the District to participate in the ONESop Program and that it is in alignment with the District’s values and mission statement. He suggested that participation in the program might enhance District productivity and efficiency.

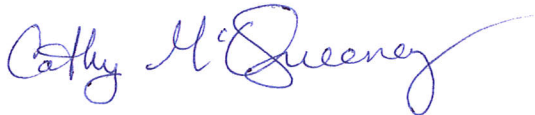
***ADJOURN and NEXT MEETING***

The next board planning meeting will be a special meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the District office.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the District office.

There being no further business, Chair Oberg adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy McQueeney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Cathy McQueeney