



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

## Soil and Water Conservation District

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### ***Clackamas County SWCD Special Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2014***

#### **Present:**

**Directors:** Jeff Becker, Roger Fantz, Don Guttridge (Secretary), Jesse Nelson, Ron Oberg (Chair), Joan Zuber (Vice Chair)

**Associate Director:** PK Melethil

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

**Guest:** Amy Cleary

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

Chair Oberg called the special meeting to order with a quorum present at 1:32 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in the Clackamas County SWCD conference room at 221 Molalla Ave., Suite 102 in Oregon City for the purpose of Board planning with facilitator Amy Cleary.

The proposed agenda was accepted without revision.

#### ***DISCUSSION***

After a brief summary of the notes from the March planning meeting, Amy Cleary noted that there would not be a guest speaker to discuss Oregon City real estate options at this meeting. She also reported that Luscher Farm in Lake Oswego would be offering a private garden tour on May 24, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and that this might be a good opportunity for Board members to see first-hand how the Luscher Farm house was remodeled for modern office use.

A quick vote was taken to assess the Board's interest in moving forward with a discussion to build at the Beaver Creek Farm. There was general consensus of those present with the exception of Director Nelson, who felt the Board needed more information to make an informed decision.

Manager Salzer noted that the District has not informed Redside of its intentions to relocate as the discussion was still in the "crystal ball stage." He also expressed that the District should exercise due diligence by examining appropriate, existing office properties in the Oregon City area. He noted that the asking price for the house next door to the Pleasant Avenue property was too high to consider.

The Board expressed general consensus in having all District operations centrally located but also explored the advantages of having more than one location to better serve the community in the future.

The group discussed what a building at the District Beaver Creek Farm property might look like. Items discussed included:

- Limiting the footprint of a new office structure to that of the existing farm house as opposed to converting farm land to build a new office.
- Comparing the advantages and disadvantages of having a single or two-story building.
- Utilizing "green" and or renewable resources for heating, water, electricity, building materials, etc.
- Developing a community center for District outreach and education as well as community functions.
- Collaborating with Clackamas Community College and Oregon City High School, both of which are located nearby.
- Keeping and maintaining the existing farm house for small meetings and storage – primarily because of its visual, historic and sentimental value.
- Building a new office with a historic farm house façade and wrap around porch that preserves the "look" of the property while still being safe, energy efficient, and suitable for District needs both now and in the future.
- Inviting a designer to meet with the Board to discuss possible building scenarios and to provide cost information.
- Including the neighbors and community in the designing process.

Director Guttridge agreed to identify a designer who will be able to meet with the Board to provide construction scenarios and cost information.

Director Nelson and Manager Salzer agreed to identify an agent who could meet with the Board to discuss possible commercial property options in the Oregon City area.

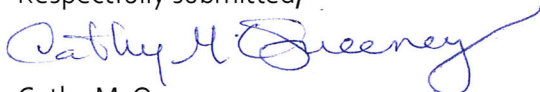
### ***ADJOURN and NEXT MEETING***

The next Special Meeting of the Board to discuss planning will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Farm.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the District office.

There being no further business, Chair Oberg adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy McQueeney