



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Soil and Water Conservation District

Approved December 15, 2015

Clackamas County SWCD Special Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2015

Present:

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

Staff: Tami Guttridge, Clair Klock, Tom Salzer

Associate Directors: P.K. Melethil, Mike Weinberg (Emeritus)

1 – CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Becker called the attendees to order at 12:28 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the Clackamas County SWCD conference room at 221 Molalla Ave., Suite 102 in Oregon City, for the purpose discussing District priorities.

2 – WORK SESSION REGARDING DISTRICT PRIORITIES

Chair Becker requested topics of discussion from board members.

Cost Share/Loans/Cash – Consensus was reached to change current cost share from 75:25 (75% grant to the cooperator and 25% participation by the cooperator) a 50:50 basis as the starting point in agreements for work to be done in fiscal year 2016-2017. Programs excluded from the 50:50 cost share basis will be the Weed Wise program and Small Grants program (grants under \$2,500). Any other exceptions to the 50:50 rule will require review and approval by the Board of Directors.

Current Status of Planning - CATS reports were requested to help the Board understand the kinds of projects being accomplished and the locations of same.

Priorities for money - Consensus that Conservation Priorities need to be set.

Cost vs benefit to the environment – Would like to see measurable metrics for comparison.

Debt load – DEQ Loans/Interest – Would like to see loans handled in a new fund, separately from grants to cooperators that are handled in the Conservation Fund, to take place in next Budget.

Employee Benefits – Consensus that this was to go to Personnel Committee to bring back report and recommendations. Meeting set for November 24th.

Funding Local Option - Consensus not to seek funding through a local option tax at this time

Farm/Building - Consensus to fund the building with existing funds. This will be done by cost share reduction, and conservation fund reduction. The District will continue to fulfill its promise to voters to

provide a wide range of technical assistance and weed control efforts. The District will continue to seek grant funding to assist in project implementation. It is not the districts intent to cut any programs or services at this time.

Accounting - The audit will be ready for review at the December meeting. The contract accountant has been clearing up many past issues in the last four months. The accountant corrects errors in a timely fashion. It is felt that things are getting better with the Districts current balance sheets and reports and changes do not need to be made at this time.

Committee Meetings - Chair Becker would like to see a standard set time during each month for Committee meetings. No decision was made at this time. There was discussion regarding adding a Finance Committee and a Priorities committee at a future date.

ADJOURN and NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held November 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tami L. Guttridge