



Approved April 16, 2019

**Clackamas SWCD Special Board Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2019**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Directors:</b>	Jeff Becker (Chair), attending via phone - Don Guttridge (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Joan Zuber
	<b>Associate Directors:</b>	
	<b>Directors Emeritus:</b>	
	<b>Staff:</b>	Jason Faucera (via phone), Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Sam Leininger, Eann Rains, Tom Salzer, Nathan Tucker
	<b>Partners:</b>	
	<b>Guest:</b>	
<b>NOT PRESENT:</b>		Roger Fantz (Treasurer)

**1 – CALL TO ORDER and ACCEPT AGENDA / PUBLIC COMMENT / DIRECTOR REPORTS / MANAGER’S REPORT ON COMMITTEES**

- A. **Call to order** – Chair Becker called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the Clackamas SWCD conference room at 221 Molalla Ave., Suite 102 in Oregon City.

Chair Becker noted that there would be a change to the agenda with Director Lee providing a report regarding the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts legislative update.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to accept the change to the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- C. **Board and Partner reports** – Direct Lee announced that she is the serving as the interim Executive Director of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD). Lee then reviewed the top legislative concerns from OACD and asked that these concerns be discussed at the next Board meeting on February 19, 2019.

Senate Bill 146 - provides that additional taxes may not be imposed upon disqualification of land from special assessment if land has been acquired by soil and water conservation district or transferred by nonprofit land trust to tax-exempt government transferee.

House Bill 2020 - Invest in natural and working lands for climate mitigation and adaptation.

House Bill 2729 - appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for purposes related to programs for grants from Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund.

House Bill 2829 - Establishes Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.

Senate Bill 445 Requires Invasive Species Council to report every two years to interim committee of Legislative Assembly Concerning of Legislative Assembly concerning activities of the council.

House Bill 2958 - Makes requirement that soil and water conservation district zone directors own or manage 10 acres or more within district applicable only if majority of district lies within county that has population less than 50,000. Barbara Boyer from the Soil and Water Conservation Commission will be speaking to the House Committee reviewing this bill. Boy will propose that this matter be sent to a working group for review.

Director Lee would like the Board to take a vote on House Bill 2928 regarding the landowner requirements.

*Director Lee left the meeting at 9:09 a.m.*

*Staff Leininger arrived at 9:11 a.m.*

## **2 – MINUTES**

- A. Review February 19, 2019, public hearing minute** – Chair Becker asked if anyone had questions regarding the public hearing. There were no questions.
- B. February 19, 2019, regular Board Meeting minutes** – The regular board meeting minutes of the February 19, 2019 board meeting were presented. The minutes were reviewed by the Board Secretary.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to approve minutes of the February 19, 2019, regular Board meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker reviewed the Districts balance sheet. Tucker noted that the District currently has 4.9 million in assets. The short term liabilities were approximately \$136,000 and total liabilities at approximately 2 million dollars including loan funding for the Eagle Creek acquisition. The current asset to liability ratio is 2.4 to 1.

Tucker reviewed the profit and loss statement and noted receivables from taxes, Cooperative Weed Management Areas, and interest income. Total expenditures for this month were \$395,000.

Directors Zuber/Guttridge moved/seconded to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Expenditures** – Staff Tucker reviewed the expenditures list for the first of the month expenses for March 12, 2019. Check numbers were 2023 to 2048, with no breaks in the sequence and no voided checks. Total expenditures in this check run were \$54,041.24. One check of note was \$9,500 for a SuperDog grant to install fencing.

Directors Guttridge/Zuber moved/seconded to approve the March 12, 2019 voucher list.  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4 – OTHER FINANCIALS**

- A. Board director at watershed council event** – Manager Salzer reported that a director wished to attend the Pudding River Watershed Council's annual dinner. Permission is required from the Board for Directors to be reimbursed for mileage.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to approve Director Zuber attending the Pudding River Watershed Councils annual dinner. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Budget update** – Staff Rains reported to the Board that budget spreadsheets are in the process of being filled out. The first Budget notice will be published this Friday, March 15, 2019, in the Oregonian, on the OregonLive blog, and on the District website. The Budget committee's first meeting will be April 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

#### **5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS**

- A. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) tax incentive program update** – Staff Faucera reviewed a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) proposed by Clackamas, East and West Multnomah, and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD). The IGA would fund two interns to review and update the ODFW database regarding the riparian and wildlife tax incentive programs. These programs are a critical tool for the SWCD's to use as an incentive when working with cooperators on oak restoration. The draft proposal would require shared cost to the districts of no more than \$4,000 each. The IGA could be rejected by ODFW but is a step forward to try and revive these programs to be used as a conservation tool. Faucera asked that the Board review the IGA and make a decision at the Board meeting on March 19, 2019, whether to proceed with the IGA.
- B. Eagle Creek Acquisition review** – Manager Salzer briefed the Board regarding the purchase of the 319-acre forest at Eagle Creek. The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) is on track to close the sale with Weyerhaeuser on or before March 29, 2019. At that time the District will complete a back to back sales agreement with TPL. The District will then immediately apply for the \$550,000 community forest grant reimbursement and proceed with writing a community forest plan, which must be done within 120 days to be eligible to keep the grant. A Local Advisory Group will be meeting on March 15, 2019, at the District Office to begin working on the plan.
- C. Update on the Conservation Resource Center** - Manager Salzer reported that demolition at the farm had begun on February 24, 2019. All of the buildings slated for demolition have been removed from the site as of March 1, 2019. The District has experienced some push back from the community on different social media sites, and a couple of phone calls. The District has

published a "Frequently Asked Questions" page on the website to help with inquiries.

Special Districts Association of Oregon is working on finding a funding source for the construction. A public hearing will be scheduled as soon as a funder has been selected and a special meeting may be necessary.

**6 – PERSONNEL - No agenda items**

**7 – MANAGER REPORTS - No agenda items**

**8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING - No agenda items**

**9 – OTHER REPORTS**

- Director Zuber inquired as to the main concern citizens have regarding the Conservation Resource Center. Manager Salzer noted that most comments were regarding the removal of the house and the trees. Many of the commenters claiming no knowledge of the District's plans were from members of the public who had not attended the District's open houses, attended Hamlet meetings where the plans were regularly discussed, or read articles published in the local newspapers and on the Districts website.

**ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING**

- The next regular meeting will be on March 19, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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