



Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District

Approved November 12, 2019

Clackamas SWCD Special Board Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2019

PRESENT	Directors:	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Joan Zuber
	Associate Directors:	
	Directors Emeritus:	
	Staff:	Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Sam Leininger, Eann Rains, Tom Salzer
	Partners:	
	Guest:	
NOT PRESENT:		Jim Johnson (Board Member)

1 – CALL TO ORDER *Call to order* – Chair Becker called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 4:00 p.m., November 1, 2019, in the Clackamas SWCD conference room at 221 Molalla Ave., Suite 102 in Oregon City. All Directors were present via phone.

2 – Participation in Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP) grant application

Staff reviewed the history of the District’s involvement with the Rowan family and the WWMP grant process and the timeline regarding a request by the Rowan family that the District hold an easement on their property in the Molalla River Basin.

Staff recommended three options for the Board to consider

1. Move forward with a WWMP grant application with the deadline of February 2020.
2. Offer to work with the Rowan family on a grant application if they wait until 2021 to submit.
3. Decline to hold this easement and not participate in the WWMP grant application..

Board members discussed the unique property, the shortened time-line to complete the project, and the staff capacity to handle the grant proposal which is unclear/mis-represented at this time.

Board members would like to see the property protected, but felt that at this time the Rowan's should seek a different organization to hold the easement on this valuable cold water refugia to the Molalla River.

Director Lee noted perhaps one of the land trust entities would be willing to help this family. Directors Guttridge and Nelson were opposed to working on this easement at this time. All the Directors noted that the property was a valuable resource.

Director Guttridge and Staff Leininger noted that an easement is a long-term commitment. Accountability and enforcement with this easement may present many challenges.

Director Zuber left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to decline to facilitate a conservation easement this year, and to direct the Rowans to seek other partners. Board members were polled and the motion carried as follows: in favor: Jeff Becker, Roger Fantz, Don Guttridge, Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson.

ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting will be on November 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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