



Approved June 16, 2020

Clackamas SWCD Budget Hearing Minutes for May 19, 2020

This meeting was held via "Go to Meeting". All participants attended virtually.

PRESENT	Directors:	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jim Johnson, Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Joan Zuber
	Associate Directors:	PK Melethil
	Directors Emeritus:	Mike Weinberg
	Staff:	Nicole Ahr, Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Clair Klock, Sam Leininger, Eann Rains, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker
	Partners:	Kim Galland (Natural Resources Conservation Service)
	Guests:	Rita Baker, Alexis Barton, Jack Halsey, John Keith, Chris Lapp, Anna Rankin, Neil Schulman, Asako Yamamuro
NOT PRESENT:		

1 – CALL TO ORDER

- A. **Call to order** – Chair Becker called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 4:00 p.m., May 19, 2020, via "Go to Meeting" web/conference call, originating from the Clackamas SWCD office at 22055 S Beaver Creek Rd, Beaver Creek, Oregon.

This meeting was held per ORS 150-504-073-2. The Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the approved budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

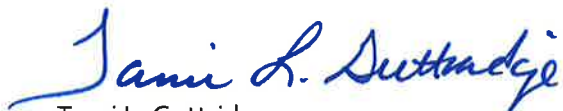
Chair Becker asked Staff Guttridge to take a roll call of those present on the conference call. Becker requested that those who wished to make public comments make themselves known. Clair Klock, Asako Yamamuro, and Neil Schulman requested to make a public comment.

B. Public Comment –

- Clair Klock – Mr. Klock noted that he had attended the budget committee meeting on April 28, 2020. Klock did not agree with the committee’s appropriation of part of the contingency funds and felt the budget should have stood as presented at the previous meeting. Klock noted that suggestions had been made to borrow money to provide funding for watershed councils and he felt that incurring more debt to provide this funding would negatively affect the district’s ability to help cooperators. Klock felt the district needed to be very conservative with this budget in light of possible lack of funding from uncollectable taxes due to the pandemic.
- Neil Schulman – Mr. Schulman expressed his appreciation of the budget committee’s understanding of how Districts work with the watershed councils on a collaborative basis. Schulman noted that the councils can play a vital role in leveraging funds from the District, and that these unrestricted funds are critical for the operation of the watershed councils. Schulman reported that unfortunately the watershed councils had been informed that other funding sources would also be limiting funding to watershed councils this year. Schulman asked that the District help find ways to ensure that the watershed councils survive in the coming year. Schulman then thanked the Board for their time.
- Asako Yamamuro – Ms. Yamamuro wanted the Board to know that the watershed councils have a better connection with their communities than most entities. Ms. Yamamuro stated that councils are often contacted by the public concerning problems within their watersheds, and the councils help them find solutions to problems.

Chair Becker asked if anyone else wished to make a comment. Hearing no further requests for comment, Becker thanked those who spoke and adjourned the public hearing at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge
Office Administrator