



*Coos Soil & Water Conservation District  
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District  
Regular Meeting Minutes-  
May 25, 2017  
(Approved August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Board members present: Mark Villers, Ernie Newton, Adela Villers, Charlie Waterman, Dan Pierce

Absent board members: Chuck Steffensmeier

Staff: Caley Sowers

Guests present: John Fandel (Coquille Valley Accounting), Christopher Claire (ODFW), Jarrod Burt (landowner), Beth Pietrzak (ODA)

7:08PM Meeting called to order

7:10PM Corrections to April minutes – add Chuck Steffensmeier to list of board members present

**7:13PM Dan moved to approve April 2017 meeting minutes. Ernie seconded the motion; all in favor (no opposed), motion passed.**

7:13PM John Fandel gave Treasurer's Report.

- Looking great 74% SOW (slightly underspent)
- 84% District Op (right on track)
- Modena coming to work in June
- Other items to make sure costs are spent to zero by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Charlie asked about onset purchase of data loggers - \$3000+
- Caley explained those are the temp loggers for our Coquille refugia temperature monitoring projects

7:19PM John Fandel has a new coversheet for treasurer's report that he needs the board to approve.

**7:20PM Charlie moved to approve the coversheet as is. Dan seconded the motion. All in favor (no opposed). Motion passed.**

7:21PM Added language to volunteer policy – Volunteer's Worker's Comp Insurance Coverage

**7:21PM Charlie motioned no more than two volunteers at a time for 40 hours per month/max 100 hours per year. Ernie seconded the motion. All in favor (no opposed). Motion passed.**

7:22PM

- County IT – login changed, can't access computer so no presentation from Caley
- Caley reported increase to capacity funds
- Move June meeting to June 15<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

7:36PM Beth Pietrzak

- Attended last day of 3-day grazing training hosted by Coos SWCD

- Good progress/landowner contacts, grants, etc.
- Close of biennium – focus on focus areas, to “tell the story” of Ag water quality/watershed management and link efforts back to plans and rules
- Visit to Johnson farm off Trillium Ln. Potential small grant – gutter/buffers/French drain
- Other Ag water quality visit- nothing came of it/no issues– in compliance/no action taken

7:46PM SIA’s 2 in Jackson County

- Two new every year
- Choosing next 7 in couple of months
- Reductions in federal funding – PCRSF, will this affect OWEB?
- Charlie asked about OWEB
- Beth explains that SWCD funding through ODA/OWEB is protected through ballot measures currently
- Chris stated six ODFW liaison positions have already been cut

8:14PM Coos SWCD Staff report – *see attached*

8:15PM Caleb – Program Manager’s Report – *see attached*

8:25PM Caleb concluded

8:25PM Coastal Coho Business Plan

8:27PM Chris Claire ODFW

- Not all activities relate to ODA/Ag water quality
- ODF - New forestry buffer rules: Salmon, steelhead, bull trout streams. Board of Forestry charged with developing a new buffer rule. DEQ – State Forestry – studied for 5 years, 50 sites on the Oregon coast. Asking questions like, “How much is reasonable?” “How much do fish need?” and not wanting to put too much burden on timber industry.
- Formerly, rules stated that the 20’ closest to small stream was a no cut zone; next 30’ – had to manage a certain way (50’ total).
- New rules: 60’ – ten more on a small stream (what used to be 50’) and 80’ (ten additional from former rules) on a medium stream (what used to be 70’)
- First 20’ still no cut/ next 40’ management rules apply
- Training foresters in Coos Bay on following/implementing new rules
- Helping Coos SWCD with DEQ temp monitoring project; built cases, accuracy-checking loggers, uploading and testing software
- Never seen elk stay in the field this long – possibly due to late spring this year
- Commercial fishing closed south of our area; Sport fishing still open for chinook and clipped Coho. Ocean may close later this summer.
- Klamath dams – giving away power right now
- Lowest estimated salmon return on record

8:45PM Meeting adjourned

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Signature of the Chairman

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Date

Submitted by:

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Caley Sowers

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Date