



*Coos Soil & Water Conservation District
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
May 28, 2015
(Approve June 25, 2015)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mark Villers.

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

Absent board members: Empty zone 5

Staff: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas

Guests present: John Fandell, Eric Nusbaum (ODA), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), Suzy Liebenbug (NRCS), Pam Blake (DEQ)

7:00PM: Mark called meeting to order

7:01PM: Introductions.

7:02PM: Mark asked for comments on April minutes. Charlie moved to approve the April minutes. Adela second. All in favor

7:03PM: John Fandell's report. District is \$20,000 under spent with two months left in biennium.

7:05PM: Charlie moved to approve the Treasury Report. Dan second. All in favor.

Agency Reports:

7:05PM: Pam Blake discussed TMDL document. It is ready for early review and she would like to get input from locals. She gave a copy to the board for them to review. Next local advisory group meeting is June 8, 2015.

7:32PM: Pam concluded

7:32PM: Eric Nusbaum (ODA) stated our long range business plan expires 2015. He informed the board about directors training is available. Eric explained the difference between "focus area" and "strategic implementation area."

7:51PM: Eric concluded

7:55PM: Chris Claire (ODFW) discussed bears and their stomach contents to determine how much salmon is in their stomachs. He discussed mosquito traps and other ways to control mosquitos.

8:01PM: Chris concluded

8:01PM: Suzy (NRCS) discussed new drought relief funding for ag producers. The governor makes the drought declaration but the board needs to start with a letter to the county commissioners.

8:05PM Suzy concluded

8:05PM: Barbara Grant (CREP) – see attached report

8:12PM: Barbara discussed the IGA

8:18PM: Barbara concluded

8:18PM: Charlie motioned Coos SWCD write a letter recommending Coos County Emergency Drought Declaration to be forwarded to the county commissioners. Ernie seconded. All in favor.

8:20PM: Ernie's report – see attached. Everyone read through Ernie's report.

8:24PM: Ernie concluded

8:25PM: Mark discussed that the small grant team used up all of their money.

8:38PM: Caley's report – She applied for three small grants and one has been approved so far with corrections.

8:48PM – 8:58PM: Break

8:59PM: Board discussed Long Range Business Plan which is due June 30, 2015. Eric recommended to extend it one more year. Caley stated she emailed it to everyone with the changes.

9:01PM: Caley discussed the budget for 2015-2017. Eric explained extending our 2013-2015 budget is allowed for one month. Contract payments must be made by July 31, 2015 and the work must be completed by August 15, 2015. Eric stated the next IGA will be for 25 months instead of 24months.

9:20PM: Charlie moves to see an extra one month extension. Dan second. All in favor.

9:21PM: Caley discussed partnership contracts.

- Alexis is not to exceed \$1200.

9:23PM: Charlie motioned to approve the Wood Creek grant, Brickley grant, and Myrtle Lane Dairy grant. Dan second. All in favor.

9:24PM: Charlie motioned to approve the contract with Alexis to not exceed \$1000. Dan second. All in favor.

9:25PM: Caley explained the Curry SWCD IGA with Drew Harper and Curry SWCD. It is not to exceed \$2000.

9:29PM: Charlie moved to approve IGA contract with Curry SWCD, not to exceed \$2000 and to be done within the time limits. Dan second. All in favor.

9:31PM: Caley discussed the IGA with Coquille Watershed Association (CWA). They will be doing a survey of the north fork by floating the river and on ground for ground trothing our new focus area. The funds will not exceed \$6400.

9:39PM: Adela motioned to have the next meeting June 4, 2015 at 7PM. Dan second. All in favor.

9:40PM: The board discussed hiring four to six people from Cardinal to do surveying in the new focus area.

9:50PM: Charlie motioned to approve the concept of hiring from Cardinal. Dan second. All in favor.

9:51PM: Comments from the public. Dr. Gene Landrom explained to the board how hemp will help purify water.

10:00PM: Caley's evaluation will be discussed at next week's meeting.

10:07PM: Eric suggested contacting Cardinal regarding a surcharge on giving Modena a bonus.

10:09PM: Meeting adjourn.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date