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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
November 19, 2015
(February 25, 2016)

Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mark Villers.

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

Absent board members: 0

Staff: Caley Sowers, Liz Allen.

Guests present: Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), Seth Fandel (CPA).

7:10PM: Mark called to order. Approval of Minutes motioned by Charlie Waterman, 2nd by Dan. Minutes of October 22 approved as mailed. MOTION CARRIED.

Introductions made around table.

Seth Fandel reported that 1/3 year money spent, money is on track, need to watch payroll. Caley reported that 1/4ly payment is on the way. Seth wanted to know if board wanted to move money back into the Savings account. Charlie motioned to move \$10,000 back into Savings and approve Treasurer Report, Dan 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.

Agency Reports:

Barbara Grant reported that Eric's first day is in December. She reported that Chase Hitner is putting in small CREP. Pasture and fence off channel water supply before fencing off. Barbara says doing cross fence. She needs signature from Board on contract for a contract from 2005 Bob Nelson and Jim Boyd Timber Ridge, they changed name to Bob Nelson and Jim Boyd.

Barbara says funds came through so she has a job. She reported that NRCS training – each session is full work week. Conservation plan – SAR training in Central Point in March.

Charlie wanted to know if rental fee stays the same. Barbara says whatever the fee is in contract. Operations fee is according to the project.

Ernie reports on Coquille Watershed – See attached Program Managers Report. Discussion on grant applications. Ernie reported that Tristan Huff went to work for Plum Creek no longer at OSU Extension.

Mark reported that John Souder has new job. Alexa Brickner standing in. Coos Watershed is taking in the Winter Lake project.

Caley reported that she went to Coos County Farm Bureau meeting on the 11th and 12th. She reported that she is trying to put together a grant for NWETC 5 day seminar training, possible help from Tribe. Cost would be \$18,000.00. Tuition is according to attendance. See attachment.

Mark said he would volunteer to teach. Caley laid out pro's on having this class. Caley suggests work on project to fund. Pam with DEQ asked Caley to come to January meeting.

Knife River appealed penalty. Caley contacted Pam regarding penalty and wanted to know if Board is okay with putting Coos Soil on SEP list through DEQ.

Consensus to put Coos Soil as Contacts and Projects Idea through DEQ.

Caley has been on potential project – Swell Cross Drainage. Open channel, had 3 tidegates, no longer functional. RCCP program where landowners aren't getting fair compensation. Landowners are talking about easements. Caley wants to meet with Kelly to discuss options. Barbara says RCCP takes all administration, make sure to ask lots of questions.

Caley reported 18 entries in the Guerin Competition Essay, she needs 4th judge. Charlie volunteered.

Caley passed around emails from Kelly and a copy of the By-Laws. See attached. Charlie says has a liability problem, doesn't mind Caley going to CWA meeting, but doesn't have his vote for Caley being on CWA Board. Ernie is for Caley being on CWA Board.

Mark reported on Legislature doing loans for Septic tank. Melissa Cribbins is Chairperson, Mark is co-chairperson. He said that he would be interested in discussion on DEQ loan on septic quality of water. Mark suggests keeping an eye open and getting more information.

Caley passed newsletter around that will be mailed next week.

Annual meeting December 10th, keeping is small. Modena will be back for meeting. Gregory Whacker doing a small presentation.

Caley wants Board to sign letter of support for CWA to do website configuration. Barbara suggested looking into Curry county.org.

9:10PM: Meeting adjourned.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date