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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular December Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022
(Approved October 27, 2022)

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Board members present at office: Mark Villers, Adela Villers, Cindy Gant, Ernie Newton

Board members present on Zoom/Telephone: Michael Clary

Absent board members: Charlie Waterman

Staff present in office: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas, Andrew Chione

Staff present on Zoom:

Guests present in office: Chris Claire (ODFW), Katie Woodruff (NRCS)

Guests present on Zoom:

7:00PM Mark called meeting to order

7:01PM Mark asked for comments for August 25, 2022 minutes.

7:02PM Adela motioned to approve August 25, 2022 minutes. Cindy seconded. Ernie abstained. All in favor.

7:03PM Treasurer Report – Caley – No report due to no bank statement at time of meeting

7:07PM Caley concluded

7:08PM Grimstad & Associates letter discussed

7:09PM Mark signed Grimstad & Associates letter

7:10PM Staffing and Capacity Needs – Caley discussed

- ODA Support Application – Andrew discussed
 - \$36,000 – will be notified on October 5th
- Staff is busier than in the past
- Barbara and Cheyanne went with Andrew for water quality monitoring
- Need a new tech person
- Received a free desk for the office/new tech person
- Job description for watershed tech
- No double dipping
- Discussed sub-contracting with Coquille Watershed Association
- More water quality monitoring in near future
- Prep and post days for monitoring

- Funds available to hire full time

7:29PM Adela motioned to begin advertising to hire a ½ time tech to assist Andrew. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

7:30PM HR Answers

- General funds with Curry SWCD
- Oregon Bill in 2017 ‘pay equity law’ passed applies to SWCD
- SDIS has contract with HR Answers
- Waiting to hear back from HR Answers and will have more information at next meeting
- Discussed capacity grants
- Discussed grants applied for but not funded

7:42PM Staff Reports – Caley

- Discussed issue with not notifying Coquille Tribe regarding NBWL project
 - Will notify them in the future via email
 - Michael offered to help in the future with permits
 - Caley will forward doodle poll to Michael

8:03PM Caley concluded

8:03PM Staff Reports – Andrew

- Submitted grant for water quality tech person
- Site visit in N Fork Coquille SIA area
- Landowners want maintenance indefinitely by district
- Past project done successfully
- Trees and planting
- Will come up with a proposal
- E-coli Monitoring
 - Drive to Port Orford is too long
 - Confederated Tribes in Coos Bay will start doing testing
 - \$28 per sample
 - Will obtain estimate next month
- Monitoring meeting in November
 - Tied to FIP
 - Writing monitoring proposal
- CONNECT conference

8:14PM Andrew concluded

8:14PM Staff Reports – Modena

- Still need pictures and bios from some of the board members for the annual report

8:16PM Modena concluded

8:16PM Safety Meeting

- Andrew purchased a grabber for water quality monitoring
- Need safety vests
 - Caley will purchase from Oregon Pacific
- Hard hats have expiration dates
 - Staff will check current hard hats
- Discussed having two people for water sampling

8:20PM Safety Meeting concluded

8:20PM Katie Woodruff (NRCS) report

- Cheyanne is leaving NRCS
- Attended CONNECT conference
- DC meeting
 - NRCS budget is doubling
- Cranberry irrigation funding
- Gorse

8:33PM Katie concluded

8:33PM Chris Claire (ODFW) report

- Coos WA – Kentuck restoration project
- Three wetland ponds
- Stalley project
- Fish trap S Fork Coquille – adult chinook
- Native oysters
- Hatchery in Bandon
- Coho fishing

8:46PM Chris concluded

8:48PM Michael would like to include time at the next board meeting for the following:

- Steps the board wants to take to handle influx of project
- Recruitment of board members
- Short one board member – Powers area
- Standing committees
- Associate directors

8:55PM Mark adjourned meeting

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date