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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District  
January Board Meeting Minutes-  
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January 28, 2016  
(February 25, 2016)

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

Absent board members: N/A

Staff: Caley Sowers

Guests present: Pat Jones, Christopher Claire, Barbara Grant, John Fandel

January meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Mark Villers.

-Meeting opened with discussion of Dec. 10 Annual Meeting / Workgroup Session.

-Caley mentioned that February board packets will contain both November and January draft minutes since the November minutes were not able to be approved at the December meeting due to lack of a quorum.

-Mark notes that the new water-master, Gregory Wacker, was very approachable and gave a good presentation at the December meeting.

-Discussion of water usage for new marijuana growers: Growers need to be licensed by the state, and in order to receive a license you must have proof of water right. As there is almost no possible way to obtain a new water right, this results in a by-default method of controlling distribution of licenses to would-be marijuana farmers.

-Mark asked if anyone had any changes, edits, or corrections for the December meeting minutes. Ernie noted that there was an error on the January meeting agenda; next meeting will be held at 7PM, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, not at 6PM as was written.

7:12PM John Fandel, CPA- Treasurer's report. John reported that we are right on track with spending, and that the budget is being managed very well. Caley added that she monitors expenses very closely according to the Annual Work Plan, and that as per the recently submitted 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter reports, the District is actually about \$800 overspent, but this is only after factoring in the inclusive 10% administration, which need not be taken until the final quarter of the biennium.

7:19PM Charlie moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Dan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed: Motion passed.

7:20 PM Dan moved to approve the December 10 Annual Meeting work session minutes. Ernie seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed: Motion passed.

7:24 PM Christopher Claire, ODFW- gives presentation on Chinook salmon populations; this was a preview of the same presentation that would be offered at the Jefferson Fish Society Meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

8:23 PM Christopher concluded presentation.

8:24 PM Pat Jones, NRCS (standing in for Eric Moeggenberg) – (see NRCS printed report)

8:45 PM Pat Jones NRCS Report concludes.

8:46 PM Barbara Grant, Curry SWCD CREP Tech- Barbara announced that a CREP contract from 2003 is currently changing ownership. The original contract was a partnership, and now the owners are retiring, and one owner is buying out the other owner(s). The contract needs SWCD signature since the District signed the CREP partnership agreement last year.

-Barbara added that the new owner really likes the CREP rental contract and plans to reenroll in 2018. The trees are growing so well on the property in question that Barbara says she would actually like to do some thinning. Since the project is located in the riparian corridor, ODF would be involved in a thinning plan to ensure compliance with Oregon's Forest Practices Act.

8:52PM Barbara's CREP Report- (See printed program report).

8:57PM Ernie Newton- Coquille Watershed Association- Ernie passed around the program manager's report (see printed report).

9:00 PM Caley Sowers- SWCD Staff Report and projects update- (See printed report).

9:24 PM Caley's report concludes

9:25 PM Dan moved to approve acceptance of the \$5000 grant from the Coquille Tribal Community Fund. Ernie seconded the motion; all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

9:27 PM Mark Villers signed the Coquille Tribal Community Fund Grant Agreement and the December 10 Annual Meeting work session minutes.

9:31 PM Ernie moved to officially declare Beau Allen's position as vacant. Dan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.

9:35 PM January 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