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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
August 27, 2015
(Approved October 22, 2015)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mark Villers.

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

Absent board members: Ernie Newton

Staff: Caley Sowers, Liz Allen

Guests present: Dawn Weekly (CWA), John Fandel, Eric (ODA)

7:02PM: Mark called meeting to order. Mark stated that he was very impressed with Caley and the work that she does.

7:05PM: Charlie motioned to approve July minutes. Adela second. All in favor.

7:08PM: John Fandel gave Treasury Report. As of July, Caley stated that Sandy approved funds increase. Received email that \$5000 moved from Treasury account to cover bills.

7:14PM: Charlie motioned to approve Treasury Report. Dan second. All in favor.

Agency Reports:

7:30PM: Caley and Dawn (CWA) gave report on Lower NF, Middle of Weekly Creek wrapping up on the 1st. Waiting on OWEB approval for blending – erosion- planting trees. No off channel- landowner match. Lower Coquille Main stem- working with landowners tide gate, permit submitted. Landowner maintenance, will do fencing and planting TMR. Tide gate survey (WRCA), float river. Current report 2006 GPS sites, 24 tide gates. 2nd day saw first tide gate on river, Charlie should check water control flap and check valve. OWEB Acromin focus investment project. Dawn says she is working on 5 projects NRCCP, private organization.

Eric with ODA, says Coos Soil passed 1st round. RCCP- equipment is reallocating funds. Has to be Federal Project.

Knotweed –BLM Funds start at top and work down on NF. CWA did survey for Caley. Caley says focus on 6th field HUC focus area, NF above Lee Valley Polygon Assessment. Upside ODA with measurable results. Downside- Dawn said she had to walk river because of weeds. Field notes at GPS points.

Caley and Dawn concluded.

Eric with ODA very impressed with how Caley is spending money. Keep doing the good job. Extra money OWEB, 2%. ODA will have 3 new positions: GIS person, SIA lead person, NIA Investigations. SIA gave ODA \$1 million to help landowners or additional funds. Mark asked if OWEB would accept SIA as match. Eric said we need to show people that AG is doing their job. Suggests work towards Fish Trap. If drones are going to be used, talk to him 1st so the right permits are received. Government waiver is needed. Private waiver \$10,000 fine. Have to have written permission from landowner. There is only statues not laws on flying drones. Financial reviews in a month or two.

Eric conclude.

Caley reported on small grants completed – see attached.

Caley reported on Hauser property, landowner was putting manure in ravine. Beth found water, landowner has to remove.

Caley created manure pickup day for Dexter property. Eric said \$10 a load if you load it. Caley has brochures on benefits of horse manure. Story is in the Currant, newspaper. Owner might be eligible for grant to help offset costs.

Caley wants to have class on National Riparian-Riparian Grazing Course Professional Development-SAR is willing to come and do class, around \$12,000. Possibly get USDA grant.

Potential Projects: 1) Dexter-Manure 2) Brett and Julie Harris 3) Phil and Rebecca Hacker off Lower NF, Cherry Ridge Lane

Discussion on K-Line and how efficient.

Caley went to CWA meeting regarding Beaver. Discuss subcontract with CWA. Flood plain certification FEMA \$500, Don Porior. County Land Use Sign Off \$100, landowner usually pays. Caley wants it built into grant. Charlie wants to keep it landowner pays. Caley put together appendixes Myrtle Lane Dairy –Tom Brown.

Dan motioned to keep landowner pays Land Use Sign off. Charlie second. All in Favor.

Caley thought County should hire someone to just do Flood Plain Certification.

Charlie motioned to have representative at Kelly’s meeting.

Caley would like to attend OACD Conference in Eugene November 2-4. She would like Modena to go. Charlie motioned to approve Caley, Modena, and Mark to attend. Caley and Modena approved Scope of Work and pay Mark’s expenses, \$700. Dan 2nd. All in favor.

Caley wants to take class in Klamath Falls. Class cost \$175 for 4 days. Mark motioned to send Caley to work class in Klamath Falls and pay registration, 2nd by Charlie. All in favor.

9:30PM: Meeting adjourned.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date