



Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes-
April 25th, 2019
(Approved May 23, 2019)

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

Absent board members: Charlie Waterman

Staff: Caley Sowers,

Guests present: Kyle Motley (CoqWA), Cyndi Park (CoosWA), Michael Clary (local landowner), Chris Claire (ODFW).

7:15PM Regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Villers

Mark asked if we needed introductions for newer folks. Mark talked about appointing associate directors and the need to redraw zone boundaries around Myrtle Point and Powers. Caley said that she would talk to Eric Nusbaum to initiate the process of adjusting zone boundaries.

7:25PM Mark asked if anyone had any comments on the February or March minutes. Caley noted corrections had been made to the February minutes. Language was added to capture the agricultural water quality compliance letter request from ODA, per Charlie's suggestion.

7:30PM Adela moved to approve the revised February and March minutes; Ernie seconded the motion, all approved. Motion Passed.

7:35PM Treasurer's Report:

John Fandel was not in attendance, but Caley noted, just as John had pointed out last meeting, that we are underspent in the SOW funding, but have the fourth quarter to catch up. A newsletter mailing and working more hours will likely be enough to take care of the balance. We are otherwise well on track to avoid being either overspent or handing money back at the coming end of the biennium.

7:45PM Mark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dan seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.

8PM Old Business:

National Water Quality Initiative Grant Agreement was received this past week; needs signing by Mark and will be returned to NRCS for their signature, making a fully executed agreement. Funding from this project and the funds from TNC for Winter Lake Phase III permitting should be enough to cover a second full-time position for FY 2019-2020.

Ag Water Quality Compliance cases. Caley noted that the Thomas case is still on-going and a site visit has been scheduled with ODA for May 10th.

8:10PM New Business:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFFW) Grant opportunity- deadline May 20th for pre-proposals

Adela moved to approve investigating the NFFW grants and to apply if appropriate. Dan seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.

8:20 PM Mark moved to adjust SWCD zone boundaries to follow the South Fork Coquille HUC basin boundary as close as possible (this to put Michael Clary into Zone 5). Adela seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

8:30PM Coos SWCD staff Report- (see printed staff report)

- Conservation Implementation Strategy development and future RCPP
- projects committee meeting needed soon to discuss

8:52PM Partner Agency Reports:

Cyndi Park (CoosWA)

- Mike Collins riparian project
- Coos SWCD letter of support
- Palouse Slough Tidegate
- TA for Haynes Inlet design and engineering

Kyle Motley (CWA)- see printed Program Manager's report

- hired Rushal as new project manager
- continue to work on permitting and grant writing for Seestrom/Baker Creek projects
- Julie put in a TA for Big Creek watershed analysis
- Goldie doing more EDRR work, Rushal to be taking on more GAG duties

Barbara Grant was not in attendance but had left copies of her CREP Report (see printed report and handouts)

8:55 PM Chris Claire Fish & Wildlife Report

- Assist Julie and Rushal with fish monitoring work on Winter Lake.
- 49,000 cormorants from Mexico to Canada, 12,000 on one island in the Columbia river
- Spring bear season
- Jordan cove comments
- Hwy 42 culvert collapsed, injuring two drivers

9:20PM Meeting adjourned

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date