



*Coos Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Meeting Minutes-
March 23, 2017
(Approved April 27th, 2017)

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Charlie Waterman

Board members present: Ernie Newton, Dan Pierce, Chuck Steffensmeier, Charlie Waterman

Absent board members: Mark Villers, Adela Villers

Staff: Caley Sowers, Modena Thomas

Guests present: John Fandel (CPA), Eric Moeggenburg (NRCS), Bryan Duggan (DEQ)

7:00PM Meeting called to order by Charlie. Introductions around the table.

7:02PM Charlie asked for any corrections to the February minutes

7:02PM Ernie made motion to approve February minutes. Dan second. All in favor.

7:03PM Treasurer's Report – John stated we are doing a great job in managing the money and staying on track with spending.

7:03PM Chuck asked about OWEB small grants on page 2 regarding being overspent by \$856.

- Caley explained that we are waiting on invoices for plants to be reimbursed.
- Caley also discussed SEP projects

7:08PM Charlie asked if there were any more questions regarding the Treasurer's Report.

7:09PM Dan motioned to accept Treasurer's Report. Ernie second. All in favor.

7:10PM Old Business

7:10PM Discussed review committee being done online. Three completed small grants available and need signatures.

7:14 PM Caley explained small grant projects to the board.

7:15PM Chuck suggested getting small grant application by email ahead of time.

7:18PM Board discussed approving the small grants.

7:20PM Charlie discussed approving the two missing small grant applications through email.

7:24PM Farm Succession discussion (last count 12 attendees)

Chuck asked our involvement. Caley explained we helped put together a flyer, reserved the room at the Barn where we will have a table with Ag Water Quality brochures and other SWCD information, and we'll be providing sandwiches and sodas.

7:25PM Volunteer policy/agreement update – Caley is waiting for call back from SDAO representative.

7:25PM Bryan Duggan (DEQ)

- 319 Agreement is put together for Coos SWCD and DEQ
- Lower stretch of Coquille
- Characterize cold water refugia
- Changed in the agreement:
 - New form (2017 instead of 2016)
 - Budget was underestimated so he updated it.
 - Services and supplies stayed close to the original agreed upon.

- DEQ signed agreement.
- Any match, such as Caley's staff time can used in grant.
- Fiscal quarter ends at the end of March.
- Need to inventory where samples will be done.
- Explained about the temperature monitoring.

7:30PM Charlie asked for any questions regarding the 319 Agreement with DEQ.

7:31PM Ernie signed the DEQ319 Grant Agreement.

7:31PM Board discussed reserving a spot in the Natural Resource Tent at the Coos County Fair 2017.

7:34PM Dan motioned to approve up to \$300 to pay for the Natural Resource Tent at the Coos County Fair 2017. Ernie second. All in favor.

7:35PM Mike Mader is wanting to partner with Coos SWCD. Caley invited him to the board meeting to discuss it and he is scheduled to speak with the board at the April meeting. His proposal was sent out in the March board packets to all board members.

7:37PM Charlie discussed article in Journal of Soil & Water Conservation. (see attached article)

- 1-2 ½ % of time the cattle spent in stream.
- Small farms with heavy stocking rate is hurting riparian
- Management is a key role

7:39PM Caley asked Charlie if he wanted to a host site tour for the upcoming Grazing Management in Riparian/Sensitive Habitat Areas Course. Charlie stated that he didn't own the property on North Bank anymore.

7:40PM Caley discussed agenda for upcoming workshop which will address some of Charlie's above mentioned concerns, focusing on some livestock management to protect riparian areas and possible alternatives to fencing in some areas.

7:41PM Charlie wants to make meetings more expediential. Board discussed and consensus is to expedite board meetings to stay more on time with agenda. Chuck will keep track of time to make sure people stay on point within allotted time.

7:44PM Eric Moeggenberg (NRCS) Report – see attached

- All of the monies have not been spent yet so he is looking for more projects.
- CSP is closed.
- He is going to BLM to pick up spare trees that they are giving away. Asked if anyone wanted any. Chuck and Dan are getting some; Caley already picked some up.

- Eric is working on new CIS water quality.
- Also working with governor team for gorse.
- Working with task force for Sudden Oak Death (SOD).

7:49PM Eric concluded.

7:49PM Ernie doesn't have anything new. He has not been to a CWA board meeting since his surgery.

7:50PM Caley suggested the board go over the small grants. The board discussed the three small grants presented to them.

8:11PM Charlie signed the Dexter Manure Management small grant.

8:15PM Charlie signed the Hitner Riparian Protection & Enhancement Project small grant.

8:16PM Caley explained the two small grants not available at the meeting.

8:21PM Caley will send out Rob Domenighini's grant proposal to the board via email.

8:30PM Charlie motioned to tentatively approve Domenighini Project, Hitner Riparian Protection & Enhancement Project, and Manure Management small grants with final approval by board through email. Dan seconded. All in favor.

8:30PM Meeting adjourned.

Signature of the Chairman

Date

Submitted by:

Caley Sowers

Date