



*Coos Soil & Water Conservation District  
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Coos Soil and Water Conservation District  
Regular Meeting Minutes-  
October, 26, 2017  
(Approved- December 7 2017)

Board members present: Ernie Newton, Dan Pierce, Charlie Waterman (Mark arrived late, at 7:20)

Absent board members: Chuck Steffensmeier, Adela Villers

Staff: Caley Sowers, Rushal Sedlemeyer

Guests present: Christopher Claire (ODFW), Eric Moeggenburg (NRCS), Barbara Grant (Curry SWCD), Stan Dean (SWCC)

Coos SWCD work session was called to order at 7:04 PM. Since Mark, Adela, and Chuck were not in attendance there were not enough directors to constitute a quorum. Therefore the meeting proceeded as a 'work session' until Mark would arrive.

Caley began with old business items; announcing Steven Greif, local historian, as the selected guest speaker for the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The official Annual Meeting still needing to be set by a board resolution, which would be done later after Mark arrived.

The Guerin Essay Contest received only one entry by the October 12<sup>th</sup> deadline and so Caley had extended the deadline and assigned Rushal to call all of the schools again and reinforce the contest. The new deadline would be Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and she would pass out any entries to judges at the meeting at that time.

Stan Dean, Soil and Water Conservation Commission representative for the Southwest region was in attendance at the meeting. He explained that he was making his rounds and visiting each District in his region at least twice in his 4 year tenure. His purpose is to inquire with Districts about any issues or challenges they would like to speak up about and relay any problems to him. He then voices those concerns to ODA. He and Caley and Rushal had discussed current events over lunch prior to the meeting.

7:20 PM Mark arrived slightly late sue to working out of town. Caley finished her report.

7:30 PM Regular October Meeting called to order. Official business resumed with the review of previous month's minutes.

**7:32 PM Charlie moved to approve the September monthly minutes. Dan seconded the motion. All in favor (no opposed); motion passed.**

7:33 PM Review of minutes followed by a brief review of treasury report. Caley noted that John was not in attendance due to being at an accounting class but either he or Seth Fandel would definitely be at the next meeting. She had reviewed reports and had no concerns.

**7:35 PM Charlie moved to approve October 2017 Treasurer's Report. Dan seconded the motion; all approved, motion passed.**

7:40 PM Annual Meeting date set by official resolution. Coos SWCD Acknowledges statute ORS 568.580 and ORS 568.590 Annual Meeting and Annual Meeting Notice at this Regular Board meeting set this 22nd day of October, 2016.

Resolved by statute ORS 568.580 Coos SWCD hereby calls an Annual Meeting of the landowners in the Coos District and will present the annual report and audit on December 7th, 2017 from 6-9 PM at the OSU Extension Center, Myrtle Point. The board voted and approved meeting date, time, and place at the Oct. 26th, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

Resolved by Statute ORS 568.580 Coos SWCD also resolves that at least 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting Coos SWCD will request a public notice be published in a paper of general circulation in the Coos County area with date, time and place of meeting as stated above.

7:45 PM Eric Moeggenburg gave his Natural Resources Conservation Service Report (see printed report).

7:54 PM Barbara Grant delivered her Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Report (see printed report).

8:00 PM Coquille Watershed Program Manager's Report: Chris Claire delivered Caleb Mentzer's report using the provided printed report (see printed report). He also mentioned the upcoming Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Tidegate Initiative Meeting.

8:15 PM ODFW Report:

- Chris mentioned a coyote reported loose at Shore Acres State park. People had been feeding the animal and it was considered a bite risk. Stuart Love the Wildlife Biologist had been going out to try and shoot it.
- Other news included ODFW staff busily putting up signs on the newly opening Coquille Valley Wildlife Area along walks, berms, and roads. These areas will be safe zones for birdwatching and hiking. This has to be done before the area can be opened to the public.
- No Coho season this year; Chinook numbers are half the average (not half the peak)
- Mark reported seeing lots of salmon in Catching Slough on his walk home recently

8:20 PM Beth Pietrzak gave her ODA report:

- Coos SWCD doing good work
- Recent potential Focus Area project looks promising
- Strategic Implementation Areas will likely be coming to Coos area in the near future. These will bring the benefit of additional technical assistance funding for Districts. Money would be available to SWCD's for about 4 years.
- SIA's would be assessed by ODA via aerial photos. They would look for manure piles, bare ground, and lack of riparian areas.
- Recent conversions of timber land to agriculture after wildfires requiring ODA notifications

8:40 PM All business concluded/ 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