

Polk Soil and Water Conservation District

January 10 Annual Meeting Minutes

Polk SWCD Offices: 580 Main Street, Suite A, Dallas OR 97338

In Attendance: Please see sign-in sheet.

Directors

David Simmons (Chair)
Chad Woods (Vice-Chair)
Frank Pender (Secretary)
Matt Crawford
Mike Wilson

Staff

Lucas Hunt
Tom Wilson
Karin Stutzman
Claudia Ingham
Marc Bell

Directors Emeritus/Associates/Guests

Mel Chase - Associate
Judy Beebe

ANNUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS: David Simmons, Outgoing Chair, opened the meeting at 6:45 with a welcome and introductions of directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Clawson (Director Emeritus) spoke regarding a 4-H program he is working with. Kris Morse Bledsoe introduced herself as a candidate for House Seat 23 and a friend of agriculture.

ANNUAL MEETING MESSAGE: Stutzman presented the Annual Report (HANDOUT #1)

SPEAKER: Chad Higgins explained his research on "Understanding Trade-Offs in the Food-Energy-Water Nexus in the Willamette Basin". With grant money, he is putting together a model of system interactions that will be open source and usable by others.

AWARDS:

- **Conservation Farmer:** Richard Sherman
- **Volunteer:** Jose Cervantes
- **Partners in Conservation:** Polk I/O & OSU Extension Service - Polk County
- **Habitat Restoration Partner:** Baskett Slough NWR and Graham Evans-Peters
- **Director:** Matt Crawford
- **5 Years of Service:** Marc Bell & Lucas Hunt
- **10 years of Service:** Chad Woods & Frank Pender
- **15 Years of Service:** David Simmons

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Respectfully submitted by administrative assistant Tom Wilson on January 11, 2018


Frank Pender-Chair


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