

Polk Soil and Water Conservation District
Annual Work Plan (AWP) Meeting Minutes: APPROVED

Location: Polk County OSU Extension Service Office
289 E. Ellendale Ave., Suite 301, Dallas OR, 97338
Date: January 15th, 2014
Start Time: 5:30 PM

Attendance:

Directors	Staff	Directors Emeritus/Associates/Guests
David Simmons	Karin Nembach	Jim Clawson
Chad Wood		Tom Finegan
Linda Marquardt-Sutton		

CALL TO ORDER

Karin Nembach, District Manager, called the Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Directors Simmons and Woods were present to start the meeting.

District Manager Nembach explained the purpose of the meeting as needing to examine this year's goals in relation to the District's long range business plan (LRBP) and look at the opportunities and priorities that are already outlined in the LRBP, detailed on page 8 of the attachment.

WORK SESSION:

The session started with a discussion regarding discrepancies between the titles of the headings in the AWP and LRBP. At this time Director Marquardt-Sutton arrived. Vice Chair Woods suggested to start from a "zero baseline" this year, and to create a realistic AWP from scratch that works with the LRBP. Chair Simmons first suggested picking out some priority items to begin with, and then decided that it would be easier to eliminate the items that are not being considered at all. Items to be eliminated are nutrient control, landowner self-planning software, stream delineation with LIDAR, annual native plant sale, outdoor school (not ALL education), and grant funded communications.

Other Discussions included:

Woods would like physical management to be halved.

The annual meeting prep hours will be decreased due to the new format.

Woods and Simmons would like to continue scholarships for teachers to do Ag in the classroom.

Simmons mentioned the need to have a column for 'director days' to show director involvement.

Conservationist T. Finegan suggested the district manager participate in the Upper Yamhill Stream Restoration project put on by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Woods would like to examine how the administration support can take on more productivity to reduce the reliance on outside services.

Meeting Adjourned 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted by District Clerk Tom Wilson



David Simmons-Chair

April 9th, 2014