

**POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**  
**JUNE 10, 2015**

Polk County Fairgrounds - 520 S Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall, OR

**In Attendance:**

**Directors**

David Simmons (Chair)  
Chad Woods (Vice-Chair)  
Frank Pender (Secretary)  
John Dalton (Treasurer)  
David McKibben

**Staff**

Karin Stutzman (Manager)  
Tom Wilson (Clerk)

**Directors Emeritus/Associates/Guests**

Tom Finegan - NRCS  
Judy Beebe- Associate  
Mel Chase - Associate  
John Byers - ODA  
Jo Morgan - ODA  
Kevin Fenn – ODA  
Matt Crawford – Guest / Director-to-be

**BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** - David Simmons, Chair, called the Board Meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Directors Simmons, Woods, Pender, McKibben and Dalton were all present to start the meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS**- Introductions of all individuals were made.

**OATH OF OFFICE: MATT CRAWFORD** – Mr. Crawford took the oath is now a board director for Zone 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**- None

**PRESENTATION**- Mr. John Beyers of the Oregon Department of Agriculture spoke about the new Strategic Implementation Area program and asked the District to participate. The goals of the program are to document the improvements being made in agricultural practices and deflect misplaced blame for low water quality from agriculture. The central ideas are voluntary compliance and community outreach. He explained there should be a million dollars available next fiscal year to support the districts who participate. Pender moved to allow staff to start the process to develop a proposal with ODA setting out parameters (area, time-frame, money) and report back to the board in July. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woods. No Discussion, passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION #61-061015 (TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORITY)** (see attachment A) - Woods moved to adopt resolution #61-061015 as presented, Pender 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion, passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION # 62-061015 (ADOPTING THE BUDGET)** (see attachment B)- Adopting the Budget: Pender moved to adopt resolution #62-061015 (part 1 – adopting the budget) as presented, Dalton 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion passed unanimously. Imposing the Tax: Woods moved to adopt resolution #62-061015 (part 2 – imposing the tax) as presented, Pender 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** (see attachment C) - Woods moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented, McKibben 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion passed unanimously.

**JUNE 11 2014 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES** (see attachment D)- Woods moved to accept the June 11, 2014 budget hearing minutes as presented, Simmons 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion passed unanimously.

**MAY 08, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES** (see attachment E)- Pender moved to accept the May 08, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented, Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion passed unanimously.

ODA FOCUS AREA (see attachment F)- Stutzman explained that this a continuation of an existing uncompleted effort started 2 years ago by the district focus in the Ash Creek watershed, and in order to continue to receive funding the board needs to approve our current 2015-17 proposed plan and focus area. McKibben moved to accept the ODA Focus Area Action Plan as presented, contingent on Stutzman getting the cooperation and verbal agreement (as documented in the minutes) of the Ash Creek Water Control District. Dalton 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY CALENDAR-(see attachment G) - information only. Simmons asked about the search for a venue for the Annual Meeting, and Stutzman explained the wineries the District has approached have been too expensive. They will continue looking and remind venues that any discount provided is tax deductible.

NACD POSTER CONTEST-Stutzman asked the board if they wanted to participate in the program this year. The theme is pollinators. By consensus, the board agreed yes.

DISTRICT MANAGER TRAINING- Stutzman explained there is a public contracting class she would like to take. It is 3 days about contract administration in the public sector. Moved by McKibben to approve the expenditure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woods. No Discussion passed unanimously.

#### REPORTS

NRCS- Finegan explained in 2016 there will be 3 funding pools, including forestry, early seral habitat, and wetland restoration. He said there is a possibility to work on the same area as Ag Water Quality initiative discussed by Mr. Byers earlier, providing partnerships and getting money where it is needed to improve water quality. He explained he is doing training and will be out the office all week. He told the board that Billy Burr is out for cancer recovery.

#### WATERSHED COUNCILS

Luckiamute- Stutzman explained they are having a fundraiser at Rogue Hop Farm on June 17 from 5-8.

Glenn-Gibson- Simmons reported that GGWC and RWC met with OWEB to discuss future funding. They are still working on goat munching at the Audubon Park. They are looking for a contractor for the rain garden at Wallace Park.

Rickreall- Stutzman will meet with their board and talk about Hunt's position and the future of the council with regard to OWEB funding.

STAFF (see attachment Z)

CHAIR Simmons- asked about the pesticide collection event and Wilson explained it was a success with over 20,000 pounds of pesticides collected, and more than a 27 foot box truck of empty containers take in.

#### DIRECTORS-

Woods- none

Pender- none

McKibben- none

Gordon- none

Dalton- Rickreall is lowest he's ever seen.

Crawford- none

Chase - none

Beebe- none

ADJOURN: 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Tom Wilson, Office Admin, June 11, 2015.



David Simmons- Chair

July 8, 2015