

**POLK SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 8, 2021 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
Via ZOOM video Conference  
Recording and attachments available on request

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Woods @ 6:03 PM

PRESENT:

- DIRECTORS: Woods, Beebe, Garnett (6:41 pm) and Dalton
- STAFF: DM Stutzman
- GUESTS: -

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REVISION OF AGENDA: Bogdan Caceau's grant proposals for olive studies

STAFF REPORTS

DM reviewed highlights from the reports

**ACTION**

- *August 2021* Treasurer's Reports

**Beebe Moved, Garnett 2nd to accept the August 2021 Treasurer's reports as presented with no concerns. Motion passed 4-0.**

- August Board Meeting Minutes

**Beebe moved, Garnett 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the August 2021 board meeting minutes. Discussion. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Jock motions, Garnett 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the draft management plan for Smithfield Oaks sent out to board and previous landowners. Motion passed 4-0.**

- OACD Dues

Discussion- DM added in requested changes to the dues request form. New total is \$2,488.00.

**Dalton motions, Beebe 2nds to pay \$2,488 for the OACD dues for FY 2021-2022. Motion passed 4-0.**

- Annual Meeting

Discussion – if we had one, it should be outside, no more than 30 people, hold the annual report meeting legal requirements in a regular board meeting in October, then have a get together after that.

- DEQ rules for the Climate Protection Program

Discussion around needing to provide incentives for land managers that want to participate, over the consensus was yes to write letter of support to address sequestration projects at the individual land manager level, not just for corporations. Win-win- holistic approach. DM will send a draft out with a due date.

**Dalton motions, Garnett 2nds to write a letter to DEQ to support sequestration projects in rural Oregon and that these projects provide a financial incentive to participate for loss of productive ground. Motion passed 4-0.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Need Easement Committee to Meet.

For the Smithfield Access Project – need to get a plan in writing for the extension to the gravel work so staff can create a contract. Dalton will provide Scope of Work and map drawing.

SDIS Safety & Security Grant Program – mitigation to security threats at Conservation Properties

Discussion – staff would like to utilize funding from this grant to improve security at the conservation properties. Can match up to \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000. Board by consensus asked the staff to provide a draft budget and proposal for the next board meeting. Items to include: trail cams, security lighting, safety signage, fencing, gate lock, gate, etc. Board will finalize in October. Grant due November 1, 2021.

## **INFORMATION**

Luckiamute W C Project Proposal – noxious weed control, had to change around use of about \$375 of total ask to planting labor. Board by consensus ok with change and cutting a check.

ZOOM password security requirements – reviewed costs to change the type of plan we use from requiring a password. Board decided by consensus that it was ok to stay with the same plan because changing plans would be cost prohibitive. Meetings will continue to require a password.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bogdan Caceau's olive research proposals will be emailed out to the board, so they can review over the month. Bogdan will attend the public comment at the October meeting and ask for a letter of support.

BOARD MEETING ADJORNED: Chair Woods @ 7:19 PM