# Polk Soil and Water Conservation District

## May 16, 2019

## **Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Volunteer Hall 144 S. Warren St., Monmouth, OR 97361

\*Attachments available on request\*

#### In Attendance:

**Directors** 

Judy Beebe (Chair) Chad Woods (Vice Chair) Mike Wilson (Secretary) Jock Dalton (Treasurer) Matt Crawford Staff

Karin Stutzman (DM) Patti Gray (Admin) **Directors Emeritus/Associates/Guests** 

## **BOARD MEETING**

**David Simmons** 

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS: Judy Beebe Chair, called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:50 PM. Directors Beebe, Woods, Wilson, Dalton, Crawford and Simmons were present to start the meeting. Introductions were made.

#### ODFW Tax Deferral:

Stutzman reminded the group this is asking if we want to be a signator on the first phase of this contract. Woods stated heavy lobbying by several Districts to move this project forward to a funded position is what helped change his inclination and be on board. Wilson asked if this phase was \$4000.00. Stutzman replied yes, it is to evaluate what is in the data base, the deferrals themselves and clean up what they can; it's prioritized for what they should work on first. Dalton stated it should be easy to get an inventory list, from the tax assessor. Stutzman stated it's to look at all the tax rolls as well as ODF's data base plans, if they are being monitored, what phase of monitoring are they at, from the ODF side. Woods thinks they are trying to get the hard facts so if they go to the legislature, they can sell it to them. He is not sure if anyone has aggregated any of this information, if there are any benefits. Woods added it's to maintain their wildlife plans. Wilson clarified so, these people have put their property into conservation, then they receive the tax deferral and this would be to evaluate the compliance. Simmons stated his understanding is that a lot of these have not been followed up on in years. yet the people are still getting their wildlife deferral. Crawford added he heard no more can be added to this until this is gone through. So there is no way forward unless there is a whole new program.

Wilson moved to be invoiced to provide funding after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and the District be a signatory for the ODFW Tax Deferral Program Crawford 2nd. No Discussion; passed.

# Resolution #086-061219 Adopting the Budget – 1st Reading:

Woods read Resolution #086-061219 as presented and clarified that budget committee meetings are slightly different than other meetings. The budget committee has to accept the resolution for appropriations during the budget committee meeting.

## **ADJOURNED 8:07 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Patti Gray on May 24, 2019.

Judy Beebe -

Chair

Date