

POLK SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 13 - 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Vice Chair, Chad Woods called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the OSU Extension Office, 289 E Ellendale, Dallas, Oregon. Introductions were then made.

DIRECTORS:	STAFF:	GUESTS:	ABSENT:
Michael (Mike) Wilson, Chair-Zoom	Kevin Porter	Tom Finnigan	John (Jock) Dalton, Treasurer
Chad Woods, Vice Chair	Hayley Iverson		Lindsay McClary
Pryor Garnett, Secretary-Zoom	Morgan Neil-Zoom		Marc Bell
Eden Olsen	Beth Thiel-Zoom		
Donna Champeau			

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

REVISION OF AGENDA

No additions or revisions were made to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pryor Garnett made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Eden Olsen Seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously. Items in the Consent Agenda include the July 12th Board Meeting Minutes, Staff Reports, and District Financial Reports.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

Kevin Porter presented his report to the Board. Kevin Porter stated that HB2805 passed giving the Government Ethics Commission control of public meeting laws. He stated that the Board and Committees need to make sure that we are following all public meeting laws. He stated that complete Agendas need to be posted for all Committee meetings and Board meetings. He also stated that if a member of the public reports an error to the Ethics Commission that it will be investigated, if it is found to be in error, the meeting will not be a legal meeting and everything will need to be discussed and voted on again. There was discussion regarding how meetings should be run. Kevin Porter stated that IRA grant funding opportunities are coming and that they are asking for large projects. He stated that staff are looking at options with partners to combine a project big enough to apply for. Response time dates are the end of October. Kevin Porter reviewed potential project options. There was discussion about which projects could be done with which partners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Pryor Garnett presented the Finance Committee Report to the Board. He stated that this is the first report of the new Fiscal Year. He stated that the District is in good financial health. Kevin Porter is working on getting the reports in order. Pryor Garnett stated that this is the portion of the year when the District starts to see tax revenue.

Property Committee:

Kevin Porter presented the Property Committee Report to the Board. Kevin Porter stated that Lindsay McClary can't be at the meeting, however, the committee met on August 29th and continued the discussion regarding the District owning property. He stated that they are working on getting some answers to some unanswered questions. Yamhill SWCD owns the most properties in the State, most of which were given to

them without funding. He stated that Yamhill SWCD is having conversations regarding how their District should manage those properties. There was discussion regarding how the District could possibly set up a non-profit organization to manage the properties.

NEW BUSINESS

Morgan Neil reviewed the summer events with the Board. She stated that she worked a lot with the District's summer intern on these events. She noted that several Board Members helped with the fair booth. She reviewed the Conservation Celebration event and stated it was nice getting everyone together and celebrating the work being done. She reviewed the fall plant sale information. She stated that she has set aside extra plants for people that didn't preorder. She stated that she has some time off coming up and then will be working on spring events.

Beth Thiel reviewed the Polk County Weed Lead Agency information with the Board. Beth Thiel stated that there are grant funds available through ODA that are specific to a weed lead agency. She stated that there isn't any regulatory work with this designation. She stated that she has already met with County Commissioner Pope and he was all in favor of the District becoming the weed lead for the County. She has spoken with other Weed Lead entities about the program. She reviewed the program with the Board. She stated that a big focus is education and outreach. She noted that if the District does take this on, they would need to ramp up the invasive species work.

Kevin Porter reviewed the GIS Inter-Government Agreement with Polk County with the Board. Kevin Porter stated that thanks to Beth Thiel, the District is able to do GIS (geographic information system) work again. He stated that no one in the District can read the GIS data. However, the Polk County GIS department has contracts with other entities in the County and they have the capacity to do the work the District needs done. He stated that GIS is used for monitoring at Salt Creek. He stated that to buy the software and run the programs, it would cost about \$4,000.00. Pryor Garnett made a Motion to approve the GIS Inter-Government Agreement with Polk County. Donna Champeau Second. Discussion: Chad Woods stated that the District supported the GIS program about 15 years ago. Pryor Garnett stated that he has used GIS services in other counties and has had the best experience with Polk County and feels that getting their services at \$1,500 is a great deal. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Kevin Porter presented the Long Range Plan to the Board for review and revision. There was discussion regarding the purpose of the Long Range Plan. Kevin Porter stated that this sets up a guide for the Annual Work Plan. There was discussion regarding which portions need to be updated. Chad Woods stated that he would like to see education, support and outreach to landowners added to the mission statement. Donna Champeau stated that she agrees and would add that she would like to see it stated that the District is a strong voice for conservation. Kevin Porter stated that the Board can continue to discuss the plan or turn it over to committee. Donna Champeau stated that she would like to see the policy committee work on it more. There was discussion about when the plan needs to be adopted. Pryor Garnett stated that there is a policy committee meeting next week and they could work on it then and have a recommendation for the October Board Meeting. Mike Wilson stated that he would like to see something about working with the Tribes and promoting those relationships added. Pryor Garnett encouraged all Board Members and staff to contribute to the Plan. The Long Range Plan was referred to the Policy Committee for recommendation to the Board at the October Board Meeting. Pryor Garnett stated that it is his intention to have this ready for presentation to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 pm by Chad Woods.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayley Iverson

Administrative Assistant