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# Minutes of the Columbia SWCD Board of Directors Meeting December 21, 2022

**Directors Present:** 

Jeff VanNatta, Treasurer Debi Brimacombe, Vice Chair Bill Eagle, Secretary Dave Freytag, Director Jason Busch, Chair

**Directors Absent:** 

Sonia Reagan, Director

**Public:** 

Claudia Eagle

Alison Charbonneau (via Zoom)

**SWCD Staff:** 

Malyssa Legg, District Manager Jennifer Chavez, Operations Coordinator Selene Keeney, Resource Conservationist

**Lower Columbia Engineering:** 

Lilli Shriver, Engineering Tech (via Zoom)

Columbia River Estuary Study

Taskforce (CREST):

Tracy Hruska, Habitat Restoration Project

Manager

Tom Josephson, Habitat Restoration

Program Manager

#### CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 4:00 PM

<u>Prior Month's Minutes</u>: Motion VanNatta/ Eagle to approve the Minutes from 11-16-22. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Financial Report**: **Motion Eagle/Brimacombe** to accept financial Reports from 11-30-22. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**.

<u>Bills to Pay</u>: Motion Eagle/Freytag approve to pay the bills. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.

| BILLS TO PAY (US Bank) December 21, 2022 |                     |   |             |                    |             |
|--|---------------------|---|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|  |                     |   |             | Expenditure Splits |             |
| Ck#                                      | Payee               | Memo  | Amount      | CSWCD              | GRANT       |
| 2876                                     | Pershing LLC        | Retirement                                      | \$3,108.45  | \$3,108.45         | \$0.00      |
| 2877                                     | Stillwater Sciences | Lamprey Project                                 | \$9,019.61  | \$0.00             | \$9,019.61  |
| 2878                                     | EZ Mow              | Riverhawk Project and<br>Clatskanie PUD Benches | \$4,500.00  | \$0.00             | \$4,500.00  |
| 2879                                     | USPS - Postmaster   | BRM Permit                                      | \$275.00    | \$275.00           | \$0.00      |
|  |                     |   |             |                    |             |
|  |                     | SUBTOTALS >>>>>>                                | \$16,903.06 | \$3,383.45         | \$13,519.61 |
| TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>              |                     |   |             |                    | \$16,903.06 |

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Introductions were made. There was no public comment.

### REPORTS

- **Lower Columbia River Watershed Council (LCRWC)** Malyssa mentioned that the council is continuing to look for projects and will be submitting their capacity grant interim report at the end of this month.
- <u>Malyssa</u> provided an update to the board on the office/staff hours during the holidays. She also mentioned that she has received the SDAO (Special Districts Association of Oregon) Academy certificate for completing 100 course credits. Malyssa added that the audit is almost complete.
- **Selene** has been invited to be a part of the OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board)'s Agriculture Heritage Program's review team. Brief discussion held.

#### **POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

Selene presented a power point highlighting the Carr Slough Phase 1 project that she had been working on during summer 2022. She mentioned that the project area offers significant ecological benefits. The goal of the project was to restore the tidal freshwater marsh wetland habitat in an area that was dominated by reed canary grass. Brief discussion was held.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

• **POWER POINT PRESENTATION** - Carr Slough Phase 2:

Tracy Hruska presented a power point to explain the proposed phase 2 project at Carr Slough. He explained that CREST would like to run a new channel through the rail road levy which will improve fish passage into the mainstem, reduce water velocities under the trestle, and add two different points for fish to get in to the big habitat side. He added that there is potential for a phase 3 project down the line. Discussion was held.

• **Annual Dinner Headcount**: Bill would like the county commissioners to be invited. Brief discussion held.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

• **SDAO Conference in February – Who is going:** The conference will be both virtual and inperson in Sunriver. Brief discussion held.

## REPORTS (cont.)

## **BOARD**

-Deb mentioned that Dalton Lake is looking beautiful. She is excited to see the plants grow and mentioned there will be signs placed to help ID plants.

VanNatta/Eagle moved to adjourn the meeting MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: **Jennifer Chavez Jennifer Chavez Jennifer Chavez**