Minutes of the **Columbia SWCD Board of Directors** Meeting January 21, 2015

Directors Present:

SWCD Staff:

Kari Hollander, DM

Bill Eagle, Chair Jason Busch, Vice Chair Randy Bergman, Director Kay C. VanNatta, Treasurer

Dave Freytag, Director

Directors Absent:

Lona Pierce, Secretary

Craig Ellis, Director

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: 7:30 PM by Bill Eagle.

Prior Month's Minutes: Motion Freytag/VanNatta to approve Minutes from 12-17-2014. **Approved** Motion passed by unanimous vote

Financial Report: Motion VanNatta/Busch to accept financial Report December 30, 2014. Detail of electronic fund transfers and summary of Profit/Loss statement so far this fiscal year were included in packet, with no discussion. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote

Bills to Pay: Motion VanNatta/Freytag to pay the bills. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.

BILLS TO PAY (US Bank) January 21, 2015					
				Expenditure Splits	
Ck#	Payee	Memo	Amount	CSWCD	GRANT
1485	Craig Ellis	Quarterly Board Mileage	\$15.68	\$15.68	\$0.00
1486	Crystal Bright	Janitorial	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
1487	Jason Busch	Quarterly Board Mileage	\$147.84	\$147.84	\$0.00
1488	Kay C. VanNatta	Quarterly Board Mileage	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$0.00
1489	Patrick Carney	Audit	\$3,780.00	\$0.00	\$3,780.00
1490	Randy Bergman	Quarterly Board Mileage	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$0.00
1491	US Bank Visa	Charges from 12/03/14 - 01/02/15	\$1,346.90	\$1,346.90	\$0.00
1492	Margaret Magruder	Mileage/Expenses	\$686.51	\$0.00	\$686.51
		SUBTOTALS >>>>>>	\$6,458.93	\$1,992.42	\$4,466.51
TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>					\$6,458.93

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Audit: Motion** Eagle/VanNatta to accept the audit as corrected: After brief discussion, RFQQ sent out in April for auditor this year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Oath of newly elected directors: Randy Bergman and KC VanNatta were sworn in by Bill Eagle. Craig Ellis and Lona Pierce were not at this meeting and will be sworn in at the next regular board meeting.
- Election of officers Motion Bergman/Freytag Slate of officers as they stand
 - o Bill Eagle Chairman
 - o Jason Busch Vice-Chair
 - o KC VanNatta Treasurer
 - Lona Pierce Secretary
- OACD Randy North Coast Basin rep. is not always able to participate, and it has been a challenge to find someone else in the basin to fill the position. At this time Randy will remain the Basin Rep for the North Coast Basin.
- Scappose Bay WC They have taken the fiscal responsibility back as of the first week of January. Lonnie Welter brought a letter thanking the SWCD for the help we gave them but feel they are ready to take on their own financial management again. Malyssa and Kari collected all of their files keeping copies of the records we need for accounting and audits. The agreement we had with them stated that either party could cancel the agreement with a 30 day notice. They have a balance owed to the district around \$6500.00
- **Restoration Ecologist** Scappoose Bay is looking for assistance to help pay for some of Jenni Dykstra's time. Discussion once they have paid their obligation to the SWCD we could talk, Questions were asked about how they stand financially. Up for discussion at a later date. Projects that the SWCD is working on with the SBWC can be covered financially.
- Oak Ranch Meeting with Maggie UNWC, Tristan County Roads Dept., Andrew Niemi to discuss project timing, funding. Possibly pushed to next summer. Nothing has been decided.

Business Plan:

Land use section – Discussion ... definitions of land use and general percentages of land use. Rather than the list created by NRCS it is confusing and misleading. Use LESA study as reference.

Executive summary pretty straightforward

Size of farms - those numbers look accurate - KC

Sections that are not going to change

How the district is governed

Zones, requirements for board members

Associate directors – find a way to bring more on board, plugged into the district

Mission – unchanged

Vision – unchanged

Values and/or Guiding Principle

Change to: We are accountable to voters and taxpayers

Goals: unchanged

Roles and Responsibilities: How we assist the public, local and county

government, other organizations

Reviewed all of the partnerships and relationships

ADD OSU Extension - that was missed and will be added.

ADD header to divide

Strength of the district – no change

Weakness of the district – no change

Seeking time to set business aside and talk about what is going on locally and around the state. Having a couple meetings a year – that are planning, strategy, current events and issues.

High level improvements – no change

KC - requested a permit list for each type of project? What is required to get a ground?

Priorities: change small market to small acreage. Add specialty orchard and specialty berries.

Outreach – add children's fair, put print ad in County fair paper, Rainier Days is large. Discussed the other local events, many of them are lessening in size

Quality and Quantity – **VERY IMPORTANT** The Study in Dutch Canyon needs to be expanded. We need to add some additional questions to be answered.

What areas should we focus on? Reconvene the WCPC committee.

February meeting – will try to have the meeting after the Board training in Astoria. Half will go have will not. Changing the board meeting date is not a good option. We will discuss as the date gets closer. Tentatively we will hold board meeting after board training.

Bill/Jason moved to adjourn meeting at 9:55 p.m. All in favor.