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Minutes of the Columbia SWCD Board of Directors Meeting August 21, 2019

Directors Present:

Jeff Van Natta, Treasurer Jason Busch, Chair Randy Bergman, Vice Chair Bill Eagle, Secretary Debra Brimacombe, Director Dave Freytag, Director Craig Ellis, Director **SWCD Staff:**

Nathan Herr, SRC Jennifer Steinke, OC Crystalyn Bush, RS – Left at 7:50 PM

Public:

Claudia Eagle

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 7:07 PM

Prior Month's Minutes: Motion Eagle/Brimacombe to approve the Minutes from 07-17-19. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Financial Report: **Motion Bergman/Eagle** to accept financial Report from 07-31-19. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**.

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

				Expenditure Splits	
Ck#	Payee	Memo	Amount	CSWCD	GRANT
2475	OACD	Annual Dues	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
2476	Richard Stellner	HR Consulting July 2019	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$0.00
2477	Tillamook SWCD	Fishhawk Lake Weed Management	\$3,812.27	\$0.00	\$3,812.27
2478	US Bank Visa	Charges 06/04/19 – 07/02/19	\$4,063.15	\$4,063.15	\$0.00
		SUBTOTALS>>>>>>	\$13,300.42	\$9,488.15	\$3,812.27
TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>					\$13,300.42

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

Education Presentation

Crystalyn explained that the education committee has been researching environmental education program ideas that are already out there that the District could implement. She added that in the past, she came across Project Learning Tree (PLT), which is available

internationally, that cover a large range of topics. Crystalyn mentioned that the education committee was drawn to PLT because their lessons are fun, easy to implement, and seem like a great way for the District to begin involvement in education within the county. The education committee plans to create kits to distribute throughout the county, for grades $Pre-K-6^{th}$, that would provide teachers with the lesson plans and all of the materials needed. Materials might include magnifying lenses, clipboards, seeds, etc. The committee is hopeful to begin this coming school year.

PLT's offers the National common core standards, and Crystalyn explained that she is working with a PLT coordinator to obtain the State standards. The committee is planning to create kits for six different lessons, and will have 6 kits for each lesson (36 kits in total). Crystalyn added that each kit will be prepped for 30 students, and the committee is planning to create the kits with a budget of \$1,500.00. The committee is also hopeful to offer workshops for teachers in the future. Discussion was held.

Motion: Bergman/Freytag to allow \$1,500.00 to the education and outreach program. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

REPORTS

LCRWC (Lower Columbia River Watershed Council)

Randy explained that the council met last night. He added that they are facing challenges to keep things moving. Randy added that projects that require research are hard to get funded. Discussion held.

UNWC (Upper Nehalem Watershed Council)

Jason mentioned that he ran into Steve Trask, of Trask Consulting, Inc., who was assisting the council with a woody debris placement, likely for a Beaver Dam Analogue. Brief discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS

• **District Manager Recruitment:** Jeff explained that the hiring committee met on August 8th and discussed where to post the job advertisement. They plan to have the job posted by the beginning of September until the end of October. The proposed timeline for the hiring committee will be emailed to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Building Loan Resolution:** Nathan explained that the District's tax levy funds are received in November. The Loan Resolution amends payments to be made in November and January. Nathan added that the final payment will still be made in July 2021. Randy asked if there is a penalty for making this change, there is not. Jason read Resolution No. 19/20-002, "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 15/16-002 Authorizing the Amendment of a Financing Agreement," to the board.

Motion: Eagle/VanNatta approve to adopt Resolution No. 19/20-002. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote. Randy asked Nathan if the US Bank Visa account had been sorted out. Discussion was held. Craig recommended closing the account with US Bank and opening an account with a different bank.

• Contracts: A copy of three contracts were given to each Board member for review. Nathan explained that the first is a copy of the Professional Services Agreement between the CSWCD and Aquatic Contracting, for the fish passage restoration project on Wilark Road. The second contract is a Water Quality Trend Monitoring Program Agreement with the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP), and the third contract is a Restoration Service Agreement with Ash Creek Management to allow vegetation services to begin on a current project site on private land in Vernonia.

Motion: Ellis/Eagle to approve each proposed contract. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote; Jeff stated he has no vested interest in the project with Aquatic Contracting. Brief discussion was held.

REPORTS

BOARD

- -Bill explained that the Chamber of Commerce hasn't had a Coffee and Commerce meeting for a while, adding that they now have a new director. Brief discussion held.
- -Dave mentioned that he spoke with Knife River regarding the quarry near his home. Discussion held.
- -Deb thanked the Board for the new Outreach banner that was approved for purchase at June's board meeting.
- -Jason said that he spent a lot of time at the fair, adding that the District's plant display looked really nice the first couple days, but looked as though they had all died by Saturday. Brief discussion held to have a better plan set up for next year.

Ellis/Freytag moved to adjourn meeting MEETING ADJOURNED 8:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Steinke Jennifer Steinke, Office Assistant