# Minutes of the Columbia SWCD Board of Directors Meeting May 20, 2015

Directors Present: SWCD Staff:

Bill Eagle, Chair
Kay C. VanNatta, Treasurer
Lona Pierce, Secretary
Randy Bergman, Director

Kari Olsen-Hollander, DM
Malyssa Page, OA
Nathan Herr, RC
Tyler Joki, RC

Directors Absent: LCRWC:

Dave Freytag, Director Margaret Magruder Jason Busch, Vice Chair

Craig Ellis, Director

Public:

Marie Gadotti

# BUDGET HEARING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00PM by KC VanNatta

No public showed up to give comments regarding the budget.

# **BUDGET HEARING ADJOURNED 7:30 PM**

#### CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 7:30 PM

**Prior Month's Minutes: Motion** Pierce/Bergman to approve Minutes from 04-15-15. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote** 

**Financial Report: Motion** VanNatta/Pierce to accept financial Report from 04-30-15. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote** 

**Bills to Pay: Motion** VanNatta/Pierce to pay the bills EXCEPT OACD. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.** 

BILLS TO PAY (US Bank) May 20, 2015									
					Expenditure Splits				
Ck#	Payee	Memo	Amount	CSWCD	GRANT				
1541	Crystal Bright	Janitorial	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00				
1542	LCEP	Jenni Dykstra	\$4,753.49	\$0.00	\$4,753.49				
1543	Margaret Magruder	Mileage/Expenses	\$607.99	\$0.00	\$607.99				
1544	McNulty Water	Quarterly Water Bill	\$82.50	\$82.50	\$0.00				
1545	SWCA	Batwater Cultural Resources	\$10,509.45	\$0.00	\$10,509.45				
1546	US Bank Visa	Charges 04/02/15 - 05/01/15	\$1,694.25	\$1,694.25	\$0.00				
1547	Waterways	Batwater & Clatskanie Floodplain	\$16,529.44	\$0.00	\$16,529.44				

1548	OACD	Annual Dues	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
		SUBTOTALS >>>>>	\$39,477.12	\$7,076.75	\$32,400.37
TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>					\$39,477.12

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marie Gadotti came to voice her concerns with the Columbia SWCD helping the Scappoose Drainage District with funding. Tyler was approached to see if the District was able to offer some assistance. Afraid that the money that would be received would lead to having to support salmon habitat. Not a risk she wants to take for 30-40K towards a 125K+ interior drainage analysis study. Bill mentioned that could lead to a bunch of unwanted folks on her property and surrounding properties. Concerned because not fish habitat. Not organized for that. Could take land away for AG operators. Huge issues if can't drain the water

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Business Plan:** Started process in January. Made adjustments from last month's work session. We can review this annually or as often as needed. It is a living document. Bill mentioned it's a useful tool to help us get grants. This is a legal requirement in house and with the state. KC mentioned the land breakdown. Kari mentioned she will break out and expand the land use information in a future version; it has been removed for this issuance. **Motion** VanNatta/Bergman to approve business plan as written. Lona will advise of typos that she sees. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Annual Work Plan: Bi-annual based on ODA WTS grant. Review annually. Gave out in April
  for board to review. A few typos need to be corrected. Motion Bergman/VanNatta to
  approve annual work plan with corrections. Approved Motion passed by unanimous
  vote. Kari reminded the board we can always make adjustments through the year if
  needed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Adopt Budget: Bill Eagle read resolution 14/15-002 to adopt the budget, make appropriations and impose the tax. Total budget for 2015/2016 is \$2,223.598.00 Motion VanNatta/Bergman to approve. Approved Motion passed by unanimous. Resolution is on file.
- **Contracts:** Awarded contracts to Kynsi for \$227,221.80 for Batwater Station and Aquatic for \$47,813.50 for Clatskanie Floodplain. **Motion** VanNatta/Pierce to approve contracts as written. Bill Eagle Signed. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.** Randy asked that a different name be used for Clatskanie Floodplain to better describe project. Kari said they will be more creative with future project naming.
- **OACD Dues:** Dues are \$5,000. Not getting a good return on our investment with that from OACD. Randy mentioned that if they had some more help and were financially stable we might get more. Bill wants to hold up dues to make a statement. OACD's priorties are the same as OWEB's now and not of SWCDs because OWEB is funding them. Kari suggested inviting Jerry Nicolescu to the next board meeting to voice the concerns. Bill brought up how the OACD Annual meeting wasn't even valuable and

the board meeting wasn't even valid most of the time. Lona asked what percentage of SWCDs belongs to OACD. All do but if you don't pay your dues you don't get a vote. KC wants to table till next meeting. If we put our concerns on paper Jerry would have to take back to his board.

- Incubator Farms: Incubator farm program is a program that East Multnomah SWCD has implemented which helps beginner farmers get hands on learning about farming. Many beginner farmers have a hard time finding land to be able to farm on. East Multnomah bought a farm and though an application process rents parts of the land, equipment and cold storage out to people during a 4 year internship with the program. The goal is by the end of the program that people will have the knowledge and work experience to be able to rent/buy their own land and equipment to start farming. A discussion was had about the cost of renting land verses buying land. The folks Nathan is talking to say it's about the same to buy as it is to rent. Marie and Margaret advised that's not what the reality is. Randy's problem with the program is that you spend the 4 years and then you probably won't even make minimum wage off of selling your crops.
- **Nehalem River & Coho:** A priority for every agency, local, state, and federal. Tyler and Kari have been going to the Coastal Coho meetings. ODA being encouraged to make it a priority. We are being asked to be the local technical assistance over the next 12 months while ODA is conducting their SIA program in the Nehalem River area. Want to show that Ag is not the problem. If the need is great enough there is potential to fund a shared tech for the 3 counties (Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook) dependant on the state budget.
- **Summer Projects:** Assisting UNWC & County Roads Dept. with Oak Ranch. Kari handed out project information that Jenni Dykstra is working on. Clatskanie Culvert #4 is going out for bid tomorrow or Friday.

## **REPORTS**

## **LONA**

Annual Manager Evaluation is coming up. August would be a good time to do it. Asked the board if they would be interested in doing a self evaluation. Margaret said she would share OWEB's format.

#### **BILL**

Giving more talks about the Clatsop sand dunes to Kiwanis, Daybreakers, Lions Club and Clatskanie Kiwanis. Invited Randy and KC to the Clatskanie one on 06/09 but that's the day of the LCRWC meeting.

### KC

Attended the Quarterly meeting for the Association of Oregon Loggers. Talked about the change in PERS and tax on healthcare insurance over \$15,000.

## **RANDY**

Will be going to the Tillamook SWCD board meeting tomorrow along with Kari. They have a tax base now and it's good to keep up with what we are all doing in the basin.

# **KARI**

Finalizing contracts and bids. Coordinating plant establishment on past projects. Finalizing the budget. The staff attended Connect.

## **NATHAN**

Still working on compliance visit with ODA. Different opinions from them of if it's a problem or not. No idea on solution yet.

# **LCRWC**

(Report in packet)

The council met all the merit criteria from OWEB and will be recommended for the highest level of funding for their council support grant. Working with Malyssa to establish a new webpage.

Bergman moved to adjourn meeting

**MEETING ADJOURNED 9:25 PM** 

Respectfully Submitted:

Malyssa Page

Malyssa Page, District Clerk