

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

Directors Present:

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

SWCD Staff:

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

Directors Absent:

Dave Freytag, Director
Jason Busch, Vice Chair
Craig Ellis, Director

LCRWC:

Margaret Magruder

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

Approved 06.17.15

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 Malysa to establish a new webpage.

Bergman moved to adjourn meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Malysa Page

Malysa Page, District Clerk