

REPORTS

SWCD Staff

-Selene provided a brief update on projects to the Board. She explained that there were three firms that approached the District for the Clatskanie PUD project. Brief discussion held. She also mentioned that the feasibility is being updated at Carr Slough and the results should be available this winter to determine the possibility of a project. Designs for a project at Apiary Road in Clatskanie are planned to be submitted next week. Discussion was held.

-Nathan introduced Amber Kester, the Columbia SWCD's new Riparian Specialist, to the Board. Amber has worked with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council (SBWC) for the past 7 years before applying to the District. Amber explained that she has been working with Crystalyn and is in the process of taking over three small grant projects, adding that she actually helped bring two of the projects to the District before she was hired.

-Nathan informed the Board that the District applied for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Council (RAC) funds for a fish passage project, adding that they have included more states to apply which will make the grant more competitive. Nathan also mentioned that he spoke with Dana, SBWC's Coordinator, yesterday to discuss ideas for the larger picture of the District and Council's partnership. He explained that the District will be "loaning" Amber to the Council to help close out current projects while the Council works to fill the vacant position.

Half of the High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters have been installed in the building with most of the others ready to be placed. Nathan added that the District plans to apply for a grant to help pay for the filters. Brief discussion held.

Nathan also mentioned that the District should be able to start receiving funds through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) plan now that it is finished. They have been facing complications with funds being released through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Brief discussion held.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Dues:** The Board received a copy of the OACD Dues. Bill asked what the CSWCD has received in return for the dues in the past. Nathan mentioned that OACD is working to change the zone requirements for Board Directors and often hosts webinars. Nathan added that OACD is supposed to be lobbying for Conservation Districts as well. Bill added that he wouldn't mind postponing paying the dues as they have seemed pretty dysfunctional the last few years. Deb also mentioned that most of the webinars don't seem to apply to our county.

Motion: Eagle/Freytag to approve to table the OACD Dues discussion to the next Board Meeting

Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CSWCD Annual Meeting:** Nathan explained that he would like to hear the Board's thoughts for the annual meeting with the State's current COVID-19 restrictions. Discussion was held. The Board would like to incorporate the Annual Meeting into January's regular Board Meeting.
- **Policy Committee:** Nathan explained that the current policy committee has members that are no longer apart of the District and would like to be able to appoint committees. Bill added that the Personnel committee should reconvene as well. Discussion was held.

Motion: VanNatta/Eagle to approve that the District Manager have the right to appoint committees and members. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Zone 5 Vacancy:** Nathan explained that there has been interest in the Zone 5 Director position with the current election. He explained that with the zone requirements, he believes it would be easier to move Deb to the Zone 5 position and open up the At-Large position. Discussion was held.
- **New Cooperators:**
Marilyn Richen, Clatskanie, 59 acres.

Motion: Eagle/Brimacombe to approve New Cooperator. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Contracts:** The Board received copies of three different contracts. Nathan explained that the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP) contract is originally from 2018 but that there is an amendment needing approved by the Board. The amendment is for \$23,832, which is match funding provided from an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant. Brief discussion held.
The second contract is for engineering services with Waterways Consulting Inc. for a project in Clatskanie for \$63,492.70. The Clatskanie PUD will be paying about \$35,000 toward the project, with the District funds coming from the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
The third contract is for new janitorial services for the District building.
Discussion held.

Motion: Eagle/VanNatta to approve all three contracts as presented to the Board. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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- Bill mentioned that he has been excited to share the District's accomplishments with the various committees and meetings he attends in the county, adding that he is happy to be able to provide dollar amounts that the District is putting back into the community. Brief discussion held.
- Deb informed that the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) put out a Request for Professional Services (RFP) a couple weeks ago for a project at Dalton Lake. The project will be funded by the Bonneville Power Administration. Discussion held.

Eagle/Brimacombe moved to adjourn meeting
MEETING ADJOURNED 5:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

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