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Minutes of the Columbia SWCD Board of Directors Meeting November 16, 2022

Directors Present:

Jeff VanNatta, Treasurer Debi Brimacombe, Vice Chair Bill Eagle, Secretary Dave Freytag, Director

Directors Absent:

Jason Busch, Chair Sonia Reagan, Director

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Hannah Issacs

SWCD Staff:

Malyssa Legg, District Manager Crystalyn Bush, Resource Conservationist Selene Keeney, Resource Conservationist Amber Kester, Resource Conservationist

Lower Columbia Engineering:

Emelia Reardon, Engineering Tech (via Zoom)

Public:

Claudia Eagle Alison Charbonneau (via Zoom) Barbara Travis

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 4:00 PM

Prior Month's Minutes: Motion Eagle/VanNatta to approve the Minutes from 10-19-22. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Financial Report: **Motion VanNatta/Freytag** to accept financial Reports from 10.30.22. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**.

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

BILLS TO PAY (US Bank) November 16, 2022					
				Expenditure Splits	
Ck#	Payee	Memo	Amount	CSWCD	GRANT
2866	Pershing LLC	Retirement	\$2,021.42	\$2,021.42	\$0.00
2867	Jennifer Heidrich	Cleaning services	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
2868	Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	Water Monitoring	\$12,616.43	\$12,616.43	\$0.00
2869	Native Plantscapes NW	McBride Creek Small Grant Project	\$912.96	\$0.00	\$912.96
2870	SDAO	Annual Dues	\$712.15	\$712.15	\$0.00
2871	Clatsop SWCD	10% Grant admin fee Yankton Small Grant	\$132.33	\$0.00	\$132.33
2875	Oregon Gov Ethics Commission	Annual Dues	\$439.06	\$439.06	\$0.00
		SUBTOTALS >>>>>>	\$17,434.35	\$16,389.06	\$1,045.29
TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>					\$17,434.35

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

- **<u>Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC)</u>** Malyssa mentioned they will be having their budget meeting in December.
- <u>Malyssa</u> reported on the OACD Annual meeting. Information on the meeting and the events were emailed to all the SWCD Directors. Reported that Amber submitted an SDAO Safety Grant for \$5000 to add outside lighting to make our SWCD building and parking lot safer. Malyssa will be on leave the week of Thanksgiving, but will still be available by email.
- <u>Amber</u> reported that she is working on small grants, and other projects including the Pollinator Project at Ruley Trailhead. She also spent an entire Saturday representing the SWCD at the Kiwanis Children's Fair. While at the Fair, she was able to talk to a number of landowners.
- **Selene** reported that Phase One of Carr Slough has been completed, and is working on finding funding for replacing the Apiary Road crossing of the Little Clatskanie River. Plus working on a large wood project on Carcus Creek, and engaging John Handcock Forest Management on a potential large wood project on Rock Creek.

• NRCS

Hannah mentioned that the cutoff date to apply for NRCS programs is Friday. She presently has over 40 applications (over twice the normal number). She expects to see a lot of activity this next year.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Crystalyn Bush presented a power point highlighting the Perkins Creek RCPP project. Jeff mentioned that he had been up to the project site and was pleased with it. There has been positive feedback from local residents as well. Crys also reported that she just submitted a technical assistance grant to do habitat restoration on Conyers Creek and Environmental DNA sampling for Chum salmon in various streams in the Scappoose Bay watershed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Elections:** Michael Calhoun was elected to the "At Large" position. We have Zones, 1, 3 and 5 unfilled. Both Debi and Jeff stated that they would be willing to be appointed to Zone's 3 and 5. Zone 1 is still open. We hope that we will be able to find a willing person in the Clatskanie area to serve as a Zone 1 Director.
- Carr Slough Phase 2: Selene discussed the possibility of the Board considering a Conservation Easement. Motion VanNatta/Freytag that the SWCD investigate a possible Fish and Wildlife habitat easement on the Carr Slough Project Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Associate Directors:** Barbara Travis and Allison Charbonneau would both like to become associate directors. **Motion Eagle/VanNatta** to appoint Alison Charbonneau and Barbara Travis as Associate Directors. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Depreciation Policy:** Malyssa let the board know that the auditor advised that we should have a depreciation policy on paper. **Motion VanNatta/Eagle** to approve Depreciation Policy as written. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- New Job Description: Board was presented with new job description for an Operations
 Coordinator. Jennifer would change from Outreach Coordinator to this position. She would
 still do outreach, but it would add in other admin and financial tasks. Motion
 VanNatta/Eagle to approve new job description for Jennifer. Approved Motion passed by
 unanimous vote.

REPORTS (cont.) BOARD

-Deb is working with Warren School on Native Plants.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Bill Eagle Bill Eagle, Board Secretary