Minutes of the Columbia SWCD Board of Directors Meeting September 16, 2015

Directors Present:

SWCD Staff:

Bill Eagle, Chair

Kari Olsen-Hollander, DM

Kay C. VanNatta, Treasurer Lona Pierce, Secretary Randy Bergman, Director Craig Ellis, Director Dave Freytag, Director

Watershed Councils:

Margaret Magruder, LCRWC Pat Welle, SBWC

Lonny Welter, SBWC Barbara White, SBWC

Directors Absent:

NRCS:

Jason Busch, Vice Chair

Don Mehlhoff

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM

Introductions: Introductions were made

Public Comment No public comment at this time.

Agenda amended to delete Executive Session and Evaluation discussion, and addition of forest management discussion.

Prior Month's Minutes: Motion VanNatta/Freytag to approve Minutes from 08-19-15. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

Financial Report: Motion VanNatta/Ellis to accept financial Report from 07-31-15. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**.

Bills to Pay: Motion VanNatta/Pierce to pay the bills Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote. Motion Pierce/VanNatta motion to add a listing of checks paid to the monthly report, to whom and amount, same as other expenditures **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

BILLS TO PAY (US Bank) September 16, 2015								
				Expenditure Splits				
Ck#	Payee	Memo	Amount	CSWCD	GRANT			
1599	ACS Testing	Batwater Soil testing	\$1,826.21	\$0.00	\$1,826.21			
		SDAO Networking						
1600	Bill Eagle	mileage/attendance	\$57.71	\$57.71	\$0.00			
		SDAO Networking						
1601	Craig Ellis	mileage/attendance	\$66.79	\$66.79	\$0.00			
1602	Crystal Bright	Janitorial	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00			
1603	Kay C. VanNatta	Mileage to sign Kynsi check	\$28.75	\$28.75	\$0.00			
		McBride Creek & Clatskanie						
1604	Lower Col. Engineering	Culvert Projects	\$12,200.00	\$0.00	\$12,200.00			

1605	LCEP	Jenni Dykstra	\$6,874.73	\$0.00	\$6,874.73
1606	Margaret Magruder	Mileage/Expenses	\$442.24	\$0.00	\$442.24
1607	Sound Native Plants	Batwater & LA Swamp projects	\$4,012.50	\$0.00	\$4,012.50
1608	SWCA	Batwater Cultural Resources	\$711.15	\$0.00	\$711.15
		Payment for charges 08/04/15 -			
1609	US Bank Visa	09/01/15	\$3,394.33	\$3,394.33	\$0.00
		SUBTOTALS >>>>>>	\$29,914.41	\$3,847.58	\$26,066.83
TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>					

Scappoose Bay Watershed Council: Lonny said he will be attending many of our meetings regularly, as a representative of both SBWC and the county road department. Pat gave a PowerPoint presentation about the council's past accomplishments, and ongoing and proposed projects. She handed out two copies of recently completed State of the Watershed 2014, and explained recent improvement to their financial tracking.

OLD BUSINESS

• OACD Conference: A month remains to let Kari know if members will be attending the conference in Eugene. She has a block of rooms reserved that can be cancelled as needed. Several board members considering going, but no firm commitments yet.

NEW BUSINESS

• Forest Management: Randy is concerned about style of logging by Weyerhaeuser, particularly on steep slopes. Land is completely cleared of all vegetation except for buffers along streams. This may lead to soil run off and depletion of groundwater. Discussion followed, with recommendation to continue next meeting on possible actions, if any, that can be taken. Management appears to be following Oregon's Forest Practices Act.

REPORTS

Board comments: Lona said Cycle Oregon was forced off course this week by a fire in Eastern Oregon near Halfway. Craig said Scappoose Water District update of permitting continues, with some difficulties with a proposed contractor.

Staff: Kari: wanted input from the board on focused investment capacity program (?). We do not want to try for OWEB funds that are the same proposals submitted by other agencies, such as targeting chum salmon restoration submitted by ODFW. She and Margaret explained options, and completing restoration of the Clatskanie River system for multiple species was favored as most beneficial while meeting focused criteria.

Tyler gave update on Batwater, which is in final stages, and major culvert projects on Apiary and Shaffer roads are well underway. The detour around Apiary Road is over the old Pittsburg Road. There have been some problems with getting prompt delivery from one contractor.

NRCS: Don said his 2015 review has been closed out, and a new soil conservationist position should be advertised soon. There are two new RCPP contracts: a forest management plan and a forest implementation near Vernonia. A CREP riparian buffer contract was renewed near Birkenfeld, and the Fleming pond was used to help stop the spread of a slash fire off of Highway 47.

LCRWC: Margaret said they have bids from appraisers for Carr Slough, and Batwater Station received lots of good media coverage, which State Rep. Bonimici visited. Margaret emphasized how project benefitted landowner and local contractors as well as restoration gains.

Just before meeting ended, Kari gave update on health problems she is dealing with at this time.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Lona Pierce