Minutes of the Columbia SWCD Board of Directors Meeting July 15, 2015

Directors Present: SWCD Staff:

Bill Eagle, Chair Kari Olsen-Hollander, DM

Kay C. VanNatta, Treasurer Malyssa Legg, OA Lona Pierce, Secretary

Randy Bergman, Director Watershed Councils:
Craig Ellis, Director Margaret Magruder - LCRWC

Dave Freytag, Director

Jason Busch, Vice Chair (in at NRCS

7:55) Don Mehlhoff

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

Motion VanNatta/Pierce to amend Agenda to include SBWC in Old **Business Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

Prior Month's Minutes: Motion VanNatta/Ellis to approve Minutes from 06-17-15. Lona asked who reviewed the minutes she sent. Kari did. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

Financial Report: Motion VanNatta/Pierce to accept financial Report from 06-30-15. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

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

BILLS TO PAY (US Bank) July 15, 2015												
		Expenditure Splits										
Ck#	Payee	Memo Amo		CSWCD	GRANT							
1567	AINW	Cultural Resources for Clatskanie Floodplain	\$4,372.27	\$0.00	\$4,372.27							
1568	Craig Ellis	Quarterly Mileage	\$24.15	\$24.15	\$0.00							
1569	Crystal Bright	Janitorial	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00							
1570	KC VanNatta	Quarterly Mileage	\$143.75	\$143.75	\$0.00							
1571	Lower Col. Engineering	Clatskanie Culvert 4	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00							
1572	Margaret Magruder	Mileage/Expenses	\$288.99	\$0.00	\$288.99							
1573	Randy Bergman	Quarterly Mileage	\$172.50	\$172.50	\$0.00							
1574	SDAO	Workers Comp 07/01/15 - 07/01/16	\$1,275.72	\$1,275.72	\$0.00							
1575	Star Home Security	Monitoring 07/01/15 - 09/30/15	\$110.94	\$110.94	\$0.00							
1576	Waterways	Batwater & Clatskanie Floodplain	\$4,860.86	\$0.00	\$4,860.86							
1577	US Bank Visa	Charges 06/02/15 - 07/02/15	\$2,075.28	\$2,075.28	\$0.00							
		SUBTOTALS >>>>>	\$20,624.46	\$4,102.34	\$16,522.12							
TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>												

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

OLD BUSINESS

- **OACD dues:** Nobody made it from OACD again to discuss. **Motion** Freytag/VanNatta to table. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**
- **SBWC:** Lonny was going to attend this meeting but canceled and they will be coming in September to re-present their proposal. Bill asked if they had an audit yet. Kari doesn't know.

NEW BUSINESS

- **County Roads:** Tristan came to introduce himself. Appreciates all we've done for the County with projects. Future projects will work for both parties. Don asked what the County's priorities are. Port Westward at Hermo Road. 12.5 million dollar project. The permits have been issued and TFT will be constructing the access road near the old ethanol plant. Randy asked if it's going to work because he believes it's going to fail due to history of that area. Lona said it's sad to lose the country feel of that area. No county funds being used. It's being paid for by the landowner. Will also be rebuilding Doan and Neer City Road in the next few weeks. Some future projects are Ross Road bridge. Hope to work with SWCD on that. Don asked if that would widen Ross. Yes, it should. Bill hopes this is not the last meeting that Tristan attends.
- **SDAO:** Insurance discounts are available. Some of the things that will get us discounts are; Board members need to attend or listen to trainings, being a member of OACD, best management checklist, policy review. Can earn up to 2% for each task completed.
- **RCPP:** Pre proposal submitted. 5 year 8.8 million dollars. (3.5 million from RCPP the rest from various partners) We will know in September if we can apply. If so it will be due in November and we will know in January if awarded.
- **Regional Conversation:** Will be in Tillamook 08/25. Who would like to attend? Bill will go. Dave, Lona, Jason and Craig are maybes. Lunch is provided and we can carpool. We will send a reminder.

2016 Projects: Passed out a list of future projects. This doesn't include WTS/Ag or Education projects.

McBride Creek Culvert(s)

Feasibility – 30% design – September 2015 Grant Application for culvert replacement October 2015 Construction - Summer 2016

Clatskanie Culvert 5&6 (designs in hand)

Grant Application - October 2015 Construction - Summer 2016 Dart Creek – Site #1 Robinette Road (designs in hand)

Grant Application OWEB - October 2015

Coordinate with County Road Dept for match - Fall

Talk with partners for additional funding – Fall

Construction – Summer 2016

Dart Creek 4&5 culverts - Barger and Gensman roads (designs in hand)

Coordination with County Road Dept.

Grant applications - April 2016

Construction - Summer 2017

Carr Slough

Conceptual designs in hand

Acquisition process – 2015-2016

LCEP application for acquisition funding – Summer/Fall 2015

Coordinate with County Parks and commissioners re: ownership of Carr Slough – 2015-

2016

LCEP application for restoration – 2016

Construction - 2017-2018

CZ Trail Bridge/floodplain project

Coordinate with County Parks Dept. 2015-2017

Acquisition of property for bridge placement and floodplain enhancement 2016-2018

Seek out funding and apply 2016-2017

Construction and restoration – 2018+

RCPP related projects (if approved) 2016-2020

Watershed plan 2016 (12-18 months)

Clatskanie River Culvert at Apiary

Partner with County Roads (priority for them)

Partner with OWEB

Partner with USFWS

Tandy Creek Culvert (county road suggestion)

2-3 other fish passage projects

LWD on 3-5 miles of stream in the watershed

Riparian improvements 3-5 miles of stream bank in watershed

6-8 streambank restoration projects throughout watershed

3-5 Floodplain restoration and reconnection projects

Plympton Creek

Westport Slough Area Projects (BPA – LCEP)

• **Fox Creek Dam Permit:** Nathan pulled together the information. The board would like us to provide the following comment. Overall, as long as the City follows what is spelled out in the permit, We don't see any problems with the project as stated as long as there is adequate oversight and quality control.

• **ODA WTS Grant Final Report:** Provided the final information to the board. A breakdown of projects and numbers was provided to the board.

Technical Assistance Data Fields	Quarte r 1	Quarte r 2	Quarte r 3	Quarte r 4	Quarte r 5	Quarte r 6	Quarte r 7	Quarte r 8
# Landowners provided with technical assistance	28	16	18	32	30	12	35	24
# On-site evaluations/on-site visits	21	24	20	21	24	6	22	15
# Fund Applications submitted for landowner projects	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1
# WQ projects implemented (Report practices installed on the Applied Conservation Practices table below.)	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	1
Total acres in implemented WQ projects	41	36	10	26	15	0	14	14
# Conservation plans approved						1		
Total acres in approved conservation plans						150		

• **New Cooperator**: Howard Lauridsen, Clatskanie 29.7 acres. **Motion** Pierce/Freytag to approve cooperator. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

REPORTS

CRAIG

Scappoose Drainage District has picked an engineering firm for the drainage study.

LONA

Still waiting for all the Manager's evaluation reviews to be turned in. Please make any notes about any of the questions that you have concerns about.

<u>KC</u>

The audit bid was for a cash audit but our audit is an accrual audit. The bid was changed by \$1800 and KC approved that the other day when he was in the office. The total is now double the previous audits but still cheaper then someone from Portland/Salem. Had a discussion with Lonny from SBWC. Some of their board isn't happy about us not approving their request at the last meeting.

RANDY

The cavity nesting committee met last night. Moving forward with constructing homes for birds and flying squirrels. Remarkable progress thanks to Lona. Have contacted Karin Hunt about participating. Don mentioned that he might be able to get them some assistance

from the NRCS biologist. Working on maybe producing a pamphlet about valuable tree habitat for small woodland owners.

IASON

UNWC working on 2 big projects. Oak Ranch and a Rock Creek LWD project.

KARI

Closing out WTS grant for last 2 years and applied for the new grant for 2015-2017. Some of the audit info has been sent off to the auditor and working on getting the rest of the info to him. Finishing up the smaller pieces of contracting for summer projects. Assisting UNWC with Oak Ranch and RFP info for Rock Creek LWD. Will be attending another Coastal Coho meeting on 07/21.

DON/NRCS

Continuing to working on RCPP funding. Working with folks on their forestry management plans. Trying to do some cleanup on one of the WRP projects. Some problems were found during the QAR. The soil con position has not been advertised yet, but hopefully by end of July.

MARGARET/LCRWC

(Report in packet) Attended Regional Conversation on 07/14 in Portland. Pretty good attendance. People from West Mult. and Clackamas. Main topic was marijuana. If any federal money being used, not something we can talk to. The Council received the highest funding council support from OWEB. Since they are not a legal entity in the future all OWEB grants will have Columbia SWCD as the grantee. July is water awareness month.

Randy asked to talk. Watershed councils seem to be in the driver seat on disbursement of funds. No agreements with SWCDs and NRCS. NRCS used to be the driving force. Who is the leader now and what role do agencies need to play when dealing with each other? If change in guard, what will happen? Margaret mentioned this is why you need to attend the regional conversations. Get the information out there. Tristan mentioned that it's much more beneficial to work with and SWCD than a 501c3. Dave mentioned that the watershed councils boards were started to be advisory boards to the SWCD board. Lona mentioned that some of that is on the shoulders of the SWCDs. Margaret mentioned that a lot of them are not open to change like we are. Craig talked about some of it being social. Younger people are busy with family and it's harder for them to get involved.

Bergman/Ellis moved to adjourn meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:15PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Malyssa Legg

Malyssa Legg, District Clerk