



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Annual Meeting:** At last month's meeting the board approved to do the Annual Meeting in January. Tonight Bill read the official resolution to be adopted by the board. Resolution 15/16-001 states that the meeting will be held 01/20/16 at 7:00 PM. **Motion** Freytag/Ellis to adopt resolution 15/16-001. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Ground Water Study:** Today Tyler and Kari met with the County Commissioners to talk about moving forward with assistance and perhaps funding from them. They are very supportive of continuing with this effort. LDS and Commissioners considering adopting into their annual budget to assist with. Bill asked if we need anything from the board at this time. No, the next WCPC meeting will be in January. Tyler is working with the County GIS person. We have received a preliminary estimate from PSU but higher than expected. Tyler will be contacting them and will bring more info to the board next month. Lona asked when this will start once funding is decided upon. Kari advised start of next fiscal year (July 2016) or Fall term of 2016. KC mentioned that we need to make sure that we have something in the contract with PSU to get this done in a timely manner since last time we had to wait over a year for the report.
- **Restoration Ecologist:** Jenni Dykstra has decided to move on and the position is now vacant. LCEP posted the job position on Monday and it will be open until 01/06/16. LCEP will then review the applicants and narrow it down. Then The District, LCRWC and maybe SBWC will be involved in selection of the new person. Daniel from LCEP will be covering until then. Batwater monitoring and Carr Slough are the current Estuary projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **SDAO Longevity Credit:** Because we haven't had any claims in the last 2 years, if we agree to stay with them for the next 2 years we can received \$179.50 per year in credits. **Motion** VanNatta/Ellis to accept the terms of receiving the longevity credit. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Flooding:** FEMA and EWP are not valid programs as of today. 13 counties in Oregon declared state of emergencies. Governor Brown declared state of emergency in all 13 counties. If the damage exceeds Oregon's emergency funds the governor may send a request to POTUS to declare federal emergency. If federal emergency declared would the board want to apply for EWP dollars? FEMA would be for public works projects. So far we have received 20-30 phone calls. Margaret and The Roads Dept. have also received calls. 40 -50 on list for potential EWP. EWP is an NRCS sponsored program. It focuses on protecting property, infrastructure, and preservation of life. We don't need to make a decision today because the federal emergency has not been declared. Once we go through the process of applying for the EWP it could be weeks, months, before the money would be available.

ODOT is working with Fox Creek because it runs under HWY 30. It is a 400 feet or so area that is affected.

The flooding has made it so the large Apiary culvert on the Clatskanie has to be replaced not just an option to be replaced. They are working to stabilize in the next few days.

Right now as a District we are reviewing our projects to see how they are holding up, and taking information as it comes in. The Columbia County Emergency Management Team is doing assessments as is the Roads Dept. We will all get together soon for a meeting to share the information.

The Clatskanie Floodplain project that we did this summer, all of the logs we installed stayed in place. The natural log jam that we left untouched did not. There is money left in that grant so we will be contacting OWEB to see if we can file an extension to do repairs.

On Clatskanie Culvert Crossing 2 the flooding lost some fill and will need some work done to patch the wing walls when the weather subsides.

Lona asked if any of the past projects we have done to minimize flooding are holding up and doing their job. Conyers Creek is a good example and the EWP projects we did during the last flooding are holding up. Tony Hyde mentioned that the projects we did in Vernonia for EWP last time helped to make this event not as bad as it could have been.

### REPORTS

#### BOARD

Bill participated in an Intergovernmental Partnership Program with the Port of St. Helens to review 10 grants for assistance. One of them was for the Scappoose Drainage District for \$39,000 to assist with their assessment. He was happy to announce that it was recommended for full funding and will go to the commissioners for the vote. KC attended the Farm bureau meeting last week. Discussion of acquisition of land. OWEB came and spoke about the % of money they are to spend on acquisitions. Jason mentioned that the PUD building in Vernonia flooded. The storm drains couldn't keep up. Talked about bricking the bottom of business buildings to keep the water out. Any research or knowledge of? It seems to have worked for the local grocery store. He was going to use panels but was told he couldn't do so he bricked. The new bridge on HWY 202 and the raising of the highway seems to have caused more flooding on his property because the water can't get over the highway. Who can he contact with questions about that? ODOT. Lona mentioned that West Multnomah SWCD would like to partner with us on Ivy control.

#### KARI

Report in packet. Some of the highlights include: Appraiser contracted for Carr Slough, seeking proposals from land use attorney for Carr Slough, SIA meeting at the Natal Grange 01/19/16 at 6 PM. ODA is sending out postcards to landowners that might have issues that they need to discuss. Kari and Nathan will attend the meeting in case any folks need our assistance.

#### MALYSSA

The audit is almost complete. The Annual Report is out for printing and will be mailed shortly. There will be a dinner before the Annual Meeting in January at 6 PM. Malysa will send a reminder email to see who all is coming so we can give a headcount to the caterer.

#### NATHAN

Two small grant projects have been completed recently and he is working on the final reporting to OWEB.

#### LCRWC

The Estuary Partnership's Science to Policy Summit was really good. It was a good mix of organic and non organic farmers.

*Ellis/Freytag moved to adjourn meeting*

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:42 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:

*Malysa Legg*

Malysa Legg, District Clerk