



District Minutes, August 14, 2023

Board Members Present: Zach Flegel, Gary Bedortha, Marcus Rossi

SWCD staff present: Andy Gallagher, Abby Papke

Also present: Tim Deboodt, Aaron Bott, Priscilla Doan, Gordon Jones, Jenna Deibel

Attending Virtual: none

The following documents were presented (available on request):

- June Minutes
- Project Update
- Profit & Loss Class
- Profit & Loss YTD

Minutes

Board meeting was called to order by Zach Flegel at 9:02am.

1 Minutes: *Gary Bedortha motioned to accept minutes with the correction of spelling Jenna's name. Marcus Rossi 2nd the motion. Minutes passed.*

2 Treasurers' Report: Priscilla presented the fiscal report including the fully paid rent, insurance, and networking costs for the year. Andy talked about the USFWS funds. Priscilla explained that we use the Class report to track restricted funds. *Marcus Rossi motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Gary Bedortha 2nd. Passed unanimously.*

3 SWCD Business:

3.1 Project Report: Andy shared the attached project report with details and maps. New projects planned include a second phase to the Suplee project and a partnership with East Cascades Audubon Society to strategize local native seed sources needed for restoration and wildfire response.

3.2 Public Records Request Policy: Andy and Priscilla will have a proposal for review at the next meeting.

3.3 HB2010 Update: Tim and Andy talked about the plans for the \$850k for the county to treat juniper. OSU will be responsible for the monitoring. They would like CCSWCD to implement project soon for several reasons. There is 8% administration.

4 Board Members and Partners Reports:

4.1 ODFW: Aaron Bott introduces himself as the ODFW Wolf Specialist. Aaron gave an informative description of the wolves in Oregon and his role in supporting producers, tracking wolves, and encouraging proactive measures.

4.2 OSU Extension: Gordon Jones introduced himself as the new Central Oregon Extension Agronomist. He is still deciding on focus projects and is currently getting to know the people, area, and needs.

4.4 Crook County Natural Resources: The Crook County Farm Bureau petitioned ODA to be removed from the Crop Protection District. ODFW presented the new Sage Grouse habitat map with the open comment period. The courts ruled in favor of the Forest Service in the Williams Prairie and the Wild Horse management cases.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 am