



## District Minutes, November 14, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Zach Flegel, Gary Bedortha, Marcus Rossi, Bill Sigman, Jason Dennis

**SWCD staff present:** Andy Gallagher

Also present: Priscilla Doan, Maria Snodgrass, Jenna Deibel, Greg Jackle, Damon Brosnan

Attending Virtual: Sandy Hyatt

**The following documents were presented (available on request):**

- August Minutes
- Project Update
- Profit & Loss
- Balance Sheet

Board meeting was called to order by Zach Flegel at 9:05am.

**1 Minutes:** *Gary Bedortha motioned to accept minutes. Marcus Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes passed.*

**2 Treasurers' Report:** Priscilla presented the fiscal report including the discussion of HB2010 funds. *Jason Dennis motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Gary Bedortha 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.*

### 3 SWCD Business:

**3.1 Project Report:** Andy shared the attached project report with details and maps. Hampton Butte prescribed fires did not happen so funds will be moved to juniper treatment. Small grant funds available.

**3.2 HB2010 Funds:** Andy talked about the plans for the \$850k for the county to treat juniper. OSU will be responsible for the monitoring. There is 8% administration. Andy proposed to open a savings account and move the \$850,000 into the account. *Gary Bedortha motioned to open a savings account and move the \$850,000 from checking into the new savings account. Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed unanimously.*

**3.3 Employee Credit Card:** *Gary Bedortha motioned to open two employee credit cards with a maximum of \$2,500 credit limit each for Andy Gallagher and Abby Papke. Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed unanimously.*

**3.4 Legislation changed SWCD Director requirements:** Director must live in and manage 10 or more acres within the zone they represent. Gary Bedortha and Rossi currently represent zones that they do not live in.

Marcus Rossi signed a letter of resignation as a director representing Zone 3. Sandy accepted resignation and declared Zone 3 empty.

Gary Bedortha signed a letter of resignation as a director representing Zone 2. Sandy accepted resignation and declared Zone 2 empty.

*Jason Dennis motioned to nominate Marcus Rossi as director for Zone 2. Bill Sigman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Bill Sigman motioned to nominate Gary Bedortha as director for Zone 3. Jason Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Gary Bedortha and Marcus Rossi took their oaths.*

**3.5 Public Records Request Policy:** Andy and Priscilla will have a proposal for review at the next meeting. *Gary Bedortha motioned to accept the proposed public records request policy with the typo correction and the request form. Jason Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.*

**3.6 Annual Meeting:** Andy has proposed three different dates for the annual meeting to be held at the golf course. Marcus Rossi motioned to hold the annual meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30. Jason Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Resolution passed. Andy will prepare the public notice and start planning the event.

#### **4 Board Members and Partners Reports:**

**4.1 NRCS:** EQIP signup is closing next week with over \$3 million request so far. Damon reported some additional funds available. Sage Grouse Initiative focuses on annual grasses.

**4.2 ODFW:** Controlled burns are still desirable and looking for ways to make those possible. NRCS and ODFW coordinating for a wildlife management position. Mule Deer hood comp and habitat planning is starting. Sage Grouse proposed habitat map is out for comment.

**4.3 ODA:** Maria Snodgress has been working statewide to cover some positions. Initiative Coordinator position has been filled. The Local Advisory Committee is scheduled December 6<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm at the Colver Building for a light review. Report is submitted to ODA director. Lisa Hansen is the new ODA director. ODA is moving to include TMDLs based management plans. Zach asked about the canola oil concern.

**Ochoco Forest Collaborative:** Fir die off presentation 1:00 tomorrow at Hele-base.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am**