

Monday, August 14, 2023  
6:00-7:30pm Regular Board Meeting  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, Greg Jones, Eliza Mason, Marcella Henkels, Kerry Hastings,

Board Members Absent: Jerry Paul, Henry Storch (Emeritus), David Barron, Bob Morris (Emeritus)

Associate Directors Present: Aubrey Cloud

Associate Directors Absent: Henry Pitts, Rana Foster

Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Teresa Matteson, Donna Schmitz, Candace Mackey

(minutes) Staff Absent: Sara Roberts

Guests: Jason Marshall, Marion SWCD SkillBridge Intern Coordinator

### Call to Order - Johnson (6:02pm)

### Introductions, Public Comments, Announcements, Additions/Changes to Agenda

Holly Crosson: Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> is the October scheduled board meeting which is Indigenous People's Day (holiday). HC would like to discuss another date. Nate Johnson will add to "other board business."

### CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approve draft Minutes from July Regular Board Meeting**
- **Approve Financials (6/30/23)**

Discussion:

MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda: Greg Jones

Second: Kerry Hastings

Results: Pass 5/0

- **Guest Presentation: Skill Bridge Internships-J. Marshall, Marion SWCD SkillBridge Intern Coordinator**

Jason explains that he is here to present an introduction to the program Marion SWCD and Benton SWCD will collaborate on: the US Department of Defense (DoD) SkillBridge program. He talks about his past service in the military, retirement, and his internship with Marion SWCD, and how the partnership between the DoD and the SWCD, and hosting interns. Two interns will be arriving in October that will share time between Marion SWCD and Benton SWCD until the end February of 2024.

- **FY23 Close Out Budget Summary**

Holly and Michael go over the summary for FY23 with graphs and taking questions from the Board.

All documents referenced in these minutes are a part of the official record and can be distributed upon request.

- **Presentation: NRCS technical Assistance Grant for Soil Health**

Teresa Matteson shares the work done with the NRCS Technical Assistance Grant, including the budget, accomplishments, farmer follow-up meetings, soil health reports, TM's Soil Health Assessment Report & Graphs (based off of OSU's Soil Health Report), feedback from farmers, and photos from the work. This project will contribute to the OSU's database on Willamette Valley Soil Health. Many more samples need to be added to gain an understanding that would allow a more reliable ranking system, but this is a great start. Feedback has been positive.

- **Adopt Resolution FY2023-2024-01 Add \$42,924 to FY24 Budget for ODA Water Quality Support Grant**

Discussion: The grant number hasn't been given yet by OWEB. Question as to whether the resolution signed will have a grant number on it. It will not. The resolution will be passed without the grant number, which is acceptable, as the number will appear in the budget and on other documents once it is assigned.

MOTION: To Adopt Resolution FY2023-2024-01: Marcella Henkels      Second: Eliza Mason  
Results: Pass 5/0

- **Adopt Paid Leave Oregon Policy**

Discussion: No discussion

MOTION:      To Approve Paid Leave Oregon Policy: Nate Johnson:      Second: Greg Jones  
Results: Pass 5/0

- **Jerry Paul-How to Celebrate Legacy and Designate Contribution**

- We will be celebrating Jerry's contributions to the BSWCD over the last 10+ years as well as create a place and time to share stories about his time with the District. We need to reserve a room; Judith Paul has said she can attend on September 19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. Board consensus is Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30.
- Naming one of our conservation education grant awards after Jerry? Holly Crosson feels that anything related to Jerry's passion for pollinators and pollinator habitat could be a place to start. 1. We could fund up to a set amount each year from the General Fund, or 2. We could also solicit donations and match with BSWCD funds. Discussion?

Discussion: All think it's a good idea. If the conservation education grant was funded/partially funded by BSWCD we need to talk more about the details, but for today, HC asks for a motion to begin drafting a proposal with criteria for an annual grant award.

MOTION: To approve establishment of a conservation education grant focusing on pollinator and pollinator habitat in memory of Jerry Paul beginning with a \$1000 contribution by the District: Nate Johnson Second: Kerry Hastings  
Results: Pass 5/0

- **Discussion of Open Treasurer position and Open Zone 3 position**

Treasurer Job description was provided in the packet, Nate Johnson briefly talks about creating the monthly Treasurer's Report and the fiduciary responsibilities that were covered

in the past. BSWCD Board should also be thinking about the Zone 3 director position which was held by Jerry Paul. Please send ideas for interested and qualified candidates to Holly. Recruitment could also take place on the District's website. Holly already connected with Sandi Hiatt at ODA to request that the Zone 3 position be declared vacant.

MOTION: No motion made Second: N/A  
Results: N/A

- **Adopt Draft Etiquette for Zoom Chat at Board Meetings**

Discussion: No discussion.

MOTION: To Adopt Draft Etiquette for Zoom Chat: Nate Johnson Second: Marcella Henkels  
Results: Pass 5/0

- **Update on 2023 Native Bulb and Seed Sale**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) 10am-6pm and 24<sup>th</sup> (Sun)10am-5pm at the Fall Festival. Have added more bulbs and other varieties based on community feedback. There are volunteer opportunities to help with the table for selling and BSWCD activities. Email was sent out with sign up information. Please spread the word and consider signing up to volunteer. Questions? None.

- **Questions from Board on BSWCD and NRCS activities**-Nate Johnson asks Holly Crosson for an update on TEIP and LTWC in the next meeting. September 12<sup>th</sup> is tentatively scheduled for another meeting so an update will be forthcoming in October's regular meeting.

- **Other Board Business**-Setting date for October Board Meeting. (Usual meeting day is a holiday). MOTION: BSWCD Regular Board Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm-7:30pm: Nate Johnson Second: Eliza Mason

- **Next regular board meeting will be, September 11, 2023**

**Meeting Adjourned - Johnson (7:50pm)**