

Monday, June 10, 2024
6:00-8:00 PM



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, Greg Jones, Eliza Mason, Kerry Hastings, Aubrey Cloud, David Barron (arrived at 6:32pm)

Board Members Absent: Marcella Henkels

Associate Directors Present: Rana Foster (arrived at 6:38pm)

Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Donna Schmitz, Sara Roberts (minutes)

Others Present: Stephanie Rice, NRCS

Call to Order - Johnson (6:07pm)

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

Introduction of Stephanie Rice

Announcement: Donna shares that she will be retiring at the end of the summer. She's been with us for 25 years!

Additions to agenda (added by Nate Johnson): Discussion of Board attendance policy - Nate reads the policy from ODA, which states that the Board decides whether to open up a Director position if that Director has missed 3 consecutive meetings. Nate suggests that we continue this discussion at the next meeting and asks Board members to review the policy and give it some thought before then.

Convene Budget Hearing to Adopt FY25 Budget - 6:21

The Budget Committee approved the FY25 budget on May 6th. Nate Johnson opens discussion for any directors who were not in attendance at the Budget Committee Meeting to ask any questions. No questions raised.

Nate Johnson reads Resolution No. FY2023-2024-11 aloud. This outlines budget appropriations, the imposed tax, and categorization of the tax for FY25.

MOTION: Adopt FY2024-2025 Budget by adopting Resolution No. FY2023-2024-11: Nate Johnson

Second: Kerry Hastings

Results: Pass 5/0

Budget Hearing Adjourned-Johnson (6:27pm)

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approve draft Minutes from May 13th 2024 Board Meeting**
- **Approve Financials (4/30/24)**

Discussion: none

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

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda: Nate Johnson Second: Aubrey Cloud
Results: Pass 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

- **Introduce Stephanie Rice, new District Conservationist with NRCS**

- **Approve FY25 Work Plan (in packet)**
Discussion: Brief overview of the work plan. Nate asks staff if the process is acceptable or could be improved. Holly shares that revisions to the District workplan are relatively simple and that staff also prepare individual work plans that are reviewed with supervisors annually. These are more flexible and can change throughout the year to reflect new projects.
MOTION: Approve FY25 Work Plan: Nate Johnson Second: Kerry Hastings
Results: Pass 6/0 (Director David Barron had joined by this time)

- **Adopt Resolution FY023-2024-10 for GASB 87-lease standards (office, storage, copier lease)**
Discussion: Holly Crosson shares the reasoning behind this resolution and notes the numbers are reviewed by the auditor.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution FY023-2024-10: Nate Johnson Second: Greg Jones
Result: Pass 6/0

- **November 5th General Election in Benton County - Holly**
 - 5 of our Directors will be on the ballot. Must file by August 27. Oath of office will be at January Board meeting. Holly Crosson recommends reading what ODA has put out about this and to connect with them directly with any questions. See the info included in the packet.
 - Nate Johnson encourages Directors to write something for the voter pamphlet - an outreach opportunity for us. Kerry Hastings reminds us that having a write up has a fee associated with it (\$25?)

- **Questions from Board on BSWCD and NRCS activities-**
 - Aubrey Cloud: Questions about the Quarterly District Managers meeting -
 - 501C3 land trust? Holly shares that Yamhill SWCD will gather their properties under a new 501C3 Land Trust which enables them to get certain insurance coverage which SWCDs aren't eligible for.
 - AI policy? It's complicated! A lot of Districts are starting to use AI for various purposes and issues have come up with misinformation being published. How do we use the technology to make our jobs more efficient? What are the pitfalls of AI? State of Oregon has an AI Advisory Council and they're starting to develop some templates for agencies that Holly will use to develop our own policy. Holly has also requested the expertise and assistance of SDAO and OACD to develop a template that SWCDs could modify to suit their needs. Nate, Sara, and others share their concerns about AI. BSWCD is not currently using AI (at least not intentionally).

- Other Board Business-None raised.

Meeting Adjourned - Johnson (7:18pm)