

Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District

64th Annual Meeting of the District

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Lane Electric Community Meeting Room, 1-3 p.m.

787 Bailey Hill Road Eugene, Oregon 97402

Meeting Minutes:

Attendees:

Board Members:

Al Hrynyshyn – Chair

Ralph Perkins – Vice Chair

Gary Jensen – Secretary/Treasurer

Abel Kloster

Malcolm Wilson

Chuck Arrera

Staff:

Dave Downing, District Manager

Lily Leitermann, Conservation Specialist

NRCS Staff:

Tom Snyder, District Conservationist

Suzy Liebenberg, Basin Wetland Specialist

Guests:

Mary Durfee

Todd Anderson

Christina Deck

Chris Brown

Ed Alverson – Featured Speaker

- 1. Call to Order:** The 64th annual meeting for the Upper Willamette SWCD was called to order by chair Hrynyshyn at 1:15 p.m.
- 2. Introductions of Attendees:** Chair Hrynyshyn asked attendees to introduce themselves.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Chuck Arrera motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Ralph Perkins seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Approval of 63rd Annual Meeting Minutes:** Ralph Perkins moved to accept the minutes as presented of the 63rd Annual Meeting. Chuck Arrera seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Public Comment:** No public comment was provided.
- 6. Annual Report:** Chair Hrynyshyn presented the District Annual Report for the 2017-2018 year. The report was approved by the board at the January 2019 board meeting. The

chair commended staff for their work throughout the year and on putting this report together.

- 7. ODA Update:** Dave Downing provided an update of the District's activities through the District/ODA partnership. He reported that the district had conducted the biennial review for the Upper Willamette/Upper Siuslaw Local Advisory Committee. Dave discussed the newly developed SIA program that will be taking place in the Camp creek 6th field sub-watershed. He explained that this new process is an enhanced version of the existing Focus Area process and will help Districts and ODA tell the story of what Agriculture is doing to address water quality concerns.
- 8. Pure Water Partners Update:** Lily Leitermann provided an update on the PWP program that the District is a core partner in. She indicated that she has provided outreach to PWP landowners and is working with landowners to conduct property assessments, developing management plans to assist landowners in addressing water quality concerns through restoration and protection actions within the PWP boundaries. She indicated that over 40 landowners are participating in the program since it was launched.
- 9. NRCS Update:** Tom Snyder provided an update of federal programs being implemented within the District during the 2017-2018 year. In his recap of activities, he stated that NRCS had delegated 9 approved contracts to landowners within the District that totaled 2,229 acres of conservation, and that \$298,458.00 of federal funds were brought into the District boundaries within Lane County.
- 10. Distinguished Service Award:** Chair Hrynyshyn the Distinguished Service Award to Todd Anderson for his 7 years of service to the District as a board member, fulfilling the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Board for 5 years. Todd said he appreciated the acknowledgment for his service, that there were some pretty lean times during his time as secretary/treasurer but hopefully those times are behind the district and the future looks brighter. He also thanked the District administrative staff that he had worked with over time to make his position enjoyable.
- 11. Cooperator of the Year Award:** Dave presented the District Cooperator of the Year Award to Christina Deck and Chris Brown representing Deck Family Farms. In accepting the award Christina said they really appreciated working with the District and NRCS on the conservation projects that they implemented and that the farm was already seeing the benefits from the projects implemented.
- 12. Featured Speaker:** Dave introduced Ed Alverson with Lane County parks as the featured speaker. Ed provided a presentation on the historical ecology of the Willamette Valley and the plants that are associated over time to that prairie ecology.
- 13. Meeting Adjourned:** With no further business chair Hrynyshyn adjourned the 63rd Annual Meeting at 2:55 p.m.