



**UPPER WILLAMETTE**  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 65th Annual Meeting

**February 25, 2020 5:00 pm**

**WildCraft Cider Works**

232 Lincoln St, Eugene, OR 97401

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Bill Sullivan (Speaker), Sydney Nilan, Jim Bruvold, Marganne Allen (ODA), Jo Morgan (ODA), Tom Snyder (NRCS)

**Board Attending:** Gary Jensen, Ralph Perkins, Al Hrynshyn, Chuck Arrera, Malcolm Wilson, Mary Durfee, Eric Nusbaum

**Staff Attending:** Dave Downing, Clarissa Berndt, Lily Leitermann

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**Welcome:** Board Chair, Al Hrynshyn welcomed everyone at 5:00 pm.

**Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda:** Gary Jensen made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Ralph Perkins seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

**Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Ralph Perkins made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. Chuck Arrera seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

**Annual Report and Annual Financial Review:** The 2018-2019 Annual Report and Financial Review were presented by Clarissa and made available to the public.

**State of the District “Our Vision”:** Al Hrynyshyn discussed the current state of the District, including the staff and board. Al discussed the positive direction that the District is heading in with promising funding sources to accomplish larger projects in the future.

**NRCS Report:** Tom Snyder gave an overview of the current projects NRCS is working on and funding. He also thanked the UWSWCD staff for the assistance received in the office, and mentioned that he enjoyed the partnership we have.

**ODA/NACD Update:** Dave Downing thanked the ODA for the continued partnership we enjoy, and discussed the 2 focus areas that were wrapped up in the 18-19 fiscal year, as well as the next focus area within the Bear Creek Watershed that has begun. He also discussed the projects going on within the Southern and Upper Willamette Local Management Areas.

**PWP/NWQI Update:** Lily Leitermann started off with an explanation of the Pure Water Partners, the work being done, and the accomplishments during the 18-19 fiscal year. Next she discussed the National Water Quality Initiative and explained that it is providing national funding for water source protection across the country. Under this initiative, the McKenzie has been chosen as a high priority watershed, and the District has been working with the NWQI to continue to protect this valuable water source.

**Leroy Petersen Outstanding Service Award:** On behalf of the UWSWCD, Dave presented an award in honor of Paul Reed, who served the district for nearly 20 years before his death in 2019. Paul’s family was unable to accept the award on his behalf, so the District will be sending a certificate of recognition to his family.

**Cooperator of the Year Award:** Dave Downing described how Tom and Julie Bruck began their farming ventures and what conservation practices they have implemented on their farm. On behalf of the District, Dave awarded the Cooperator of the Year Award to Tom and Julie Bruck (they were unable to attend so they will be given their plaque at a later date).

**Closing Remarks:**

Al gave a special thanks to the district staff for the work that they do and to the Board of Directors for volunteering their time as well.

Al Hrynyshyn adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.