

Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday December 10, 2019 3 pm

Public Meeting Notice was sent to the Register Guard, as required

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS:

Al Hrynshyn, Chair
Ralph Perkins, Co-Chair
Gary Jensen, Secretary/Treasurer
Abel Kloster, Director
Chuck Arrera, Director
Malcolm Wilson, Director
Mary Durfee, Associate Director
Eric Nusbaum, Associate Director

UWSWCD STAFF:

Dave Downing, Manager/Tech Specialist
Lily Leitermann, Conservation Specialist

NRCS Staff:

Tom Snyder, District Conservationist
Bruce Moffatt, Soil Conservationist

GUESTS:

Ray Gekosky, District Constituent

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1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Al Hrynshyn
 2. The Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by all in attendance
 3. Call for Public Comment: none
 4. Action Items:
 - A. **Review & Adoption of December 2019 Agenda:** Dave proposed adding the following:
 - i. Leroy Peterson Award
 - ii. Review/ Approve DHM Research Contract
 - iii. OACD Articles of Incorporation Approval
 - B. **Review BOD Minutes – November 2019:** Ralph moved to approve the minutes from November 2019 as presented/Al seconded the motion /motion unanimously carried.
 - C. **Financial Reports Approval – November 2019:** Ralph moved to approve the financial reports as prepared/ Chuck seconded the motion /motion carried unanimously.
 - D. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes to Approve New District Logo:** Motion to approve the minutes of the 12/4/2019 special Board meeting for the new District Logo was made by Al Hrynshyn/motion seconded by Malcolm Wilson. Further discussion was held regarding the color scheme/motion carried 6-1 with Director Jensen voting no.

- E. **Leroy Peterson Award Nominee:** Dave brought to the board that since Director Emeritus Paul Reed had passed away that the board might consider nominating Paul's name to be placed on the Leroy Petersen Award for Outstanding Service in Conservation and Natural Resource Management. Ralph Perkins moved to nominate Paul Reed for the Leroy Peterson Award. Al Hrynyshyn second the motion/motion unanimously carried.
 - F. **Review and Sign DHM Research Contract:** Motion was made by Chuck Arrera to approve the signing to the polling service contract between the District and DHM Research. Ralph Perkins second the motion. Discussion was held regarding waiting until after a meeting scheduled with DHM on December 16th. It was agreed that the board had given staff the authority to contract with DHM for their services at the previous board meeting. Vote unanimously carried.
 - G. **Approval of OACD Articles of Incorporation:**Motion made by Ralph Perkins to table this item until further information could be gathered/ Chuck Arrera second the motion/ motion unanimously carried. Discussion on the topic was held regarding if the District was in standing to provide the approval vote. Jan Lee has agreed to attend a board meeting at a later date to discuss these and other issues
5. Announcements/Correspondence
- A. **Board Member scheduling for Community Assessment Meeting:** Staff placed a matrix of days and times for the upcoming Community Assessment meetings to be held at the EWEB Headquarters Building. This was accomplished to ensure that a quorum of board members did not attend any of the three meetings to comply with public meetings law. All Board members signed on to attend at least one community meeting.
 - B. **Introduction of New NRCS Soil Conservationist to the Service Center Office:** Tom Snyder introduced Bruce Moffatt as the new Soil Conservationist joining the District office. Bruce provided a short work biography for Board Members.
6. Guests: Ray Gekosky introduced himself to the board as an interested constituent of the District. Ray is retired from the NRCS from another state and has recently moved into the District and is interested to learn more about the District.
7. Unfinished Business
- A. **Revenue Enhancement Committee Update:** Lily Leitermann provided an update on the latest REC meeting held December 5th at the EWEB Headquarters. Lily indicated that a quorum of Board members showed up to attend the meeting, so several were thanked for attending, but could not attend due to public meeting laws. To address this issue, staff will start posting the REC meetings.
 - B. **Annual Meeting – Bill Sullivan Speaker – determines date and time:** Dave informed the Board that staff had started working to organize to organize the 2018-19 annual meeting. Staff has reached out to noted writer Bill Sullivan to attend as the District's key-note speaker. Staff asked the Board to choose couple of dates in February to hold the meeting. February 10th and 18th were

chosen as tentative dates. Staff will confirm one of those dates with Mr. Sullivan and continue work to confirm a venue and refreshments for the event.

8. New Business

- A. **Personnel Update:** Dave reminded the Board that Rebecca Ley will be leaving the District on December 20th. Dave also informed the Board that he had re-hired Clarissa Berndt as the District Administrative Specialist. Clarissa's first day will be January 2nd.

9. Staff Reports

- A. **Tom Snyder-** Tom indicated he had provided the Board with his staff report and would highlight a site visit he attended to a property site near Blachly, OR. This property has been deeded back to the Confederated Tribe of the Coos and Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Native Americans. Discussion was held regarding the potential of the District partnering with the tribe to assist them in any way with the future plans for their property.
- B. **Dave Downing-** Dave indicated that he had submitted his staff to the Board, if they had any questions, he would be happy to respond.
- C. **Lily Leitermann-** Lily reported she had attended an urban-waters meeting to represent the District. This group is focusing on urban conservation water quality issues and is working on a grant proposal through the EPA to obtain funding to conduct project work. Lily indicated that she continues to work to complete the McKenzie NWQI strategic plan with phase three due in mid-December.
- D. **Rebecca Ley-** Provided the Board with her staff report but was absent from the meeting

10. Director Reports

- A. **Al Hrynyshyn:** Due to Al's recent surgery he was unable to attend the Long Tom Watershed Council's last meeting
- B. **Gary Jensen:** Gary reported that the McKenzie Stewardship group is still looking for a Coordinator. The group will not meet in December. He reported that there is an OSU extension forestry workshop of Monday December 16th.
- C. **Ralph Perkins:** Ralph reported that the McKenzie Watershed Council in conjunction with the Stewardship Network held a short movie night that was well attended. Also, there is a Council meeting on Thursday December 12th
- D. **Chuck Arrera:** Chuck reported that the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council had held their annual meeting picnic at Elijah Bristow State Park and was well attended.

11. Items for Next Month's Agenda- January 13, 2020

- A. Update of Community Assessment Meetings
- B. Update on Annual meeting progress
- C. Update on DHM polling service work

12. Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm