

Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL WORK SESSION

Thursday March 19, 2020 1 pm

Public Meeting Notice was sent to the Register Guard, as required
Meeting was held via Zoom teleconference

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS:

Al Hrynshyn, Chair
Ralph Perkins, Co-Chair
Gary Perkins, 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
Clarissa Berndt, Admin Specialist

NRCS Staff:

Tom Snyder, District Conservationist

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1. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Al Hrynshyn, and handed off to Eric Nusbaum to facilitate the work session.
 2. Eric began with an ODA update: They have been receiving questions and concerns regarding funding. At this point, they do not foresee any issues with getting the current biennium's funding to districts as reporting should not be affected. For the long term, they are waiting to see how funding is affected for capacity grants. During past recessions, capacity grants have not been affected. Discussion regarding what exactly capacity grants are and what they fund briefly for newer board members.
 3. Eric began discussing the draft strategic plan for the district, and screen shared it for all to follow along. He asked for the board to email him with any edits, but this meeting was to look at the overall vision and goals of the district.

While the desire for this plan is to keep it as succinct as possible, the board wanted more specifics so the district can be transparent and specific for the public (ie: what programs we are looking to fund in the future, etc.) To accomplish this, a section will be added to the Appendix that will be linked to a document that will go further into the specifics of strategies and programs we desire to support, implement, and/or fund.

The board also wanted the plan to show how the programs are addressing problems/challenges within our community. To address this, a sentence will be added at the end of each program overview to show the problem it's addressing.

The list of partners was adjusted to ensure all our partners were included.

Eric will be adjusting the strategic plan to include all board member concerns and adjustments and will have the draft for dissemination ready at the next board meeting. With no further discussion regarding the strategic plan, Eric turned the meeting back over to the chairman.

4. Due to the recent cancellations of all events, the board discussed the promotional products we are in the process of getting quotes for. Clarissa has been working with a local business to get a full quote on all products. It was fully agreed by the board that we should continue the process of ordering the promotional products so we will have them once the pandemic is over.
5. Reminder that the next board meeting will be on April 14th at 3 pm. We are expecting it to be another Zoom teleconference meeting.
6. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

APPROVED