

Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday November 12, 2019 3 pm

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

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS:

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

UWSWCD STAFF:

Dave Downing, Manager/Tech Specialist
Lily Leitermann, Conservation Specialist
Rebecca Ley, Administrative Specialist

GUESTS:

Sydney Nilan, Upper Willamette Stewardship
Network Coordinator

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1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Al Hyrnyshyn
 2. The Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by all
 3. Call for Public Comment: Sydney introduced herself and gave a brief summary of her role in the Stewardship Network
 4. Action Items:
 - A. **Review & Adoption of November 2019 Agenda:** Dave proposed adding the following:
 - i. 4. E. Polling Data/Proposals to Action Items
 - ii. 8. B. Personnel Update to New Business (then later asked to table for December meeting)
 - iii. 8. C. Nationwide Retirement Rollover Request form for JL to New Business
 - iv. Gary moved to adopt the agenda as amended/Ralph seconded the motion /motion unanimously carried.
 - B. **Review BOD Minutes - Oct 2019:** Gary moved to approve the minutes from October 2019 as presented/Al seconded the motion /motion unanimously carried.
 - C. **Financial Reports Approval – October 2019:** Several questions were asked; what is the A/R Summary and how much excess does the UWSWCD have from unspent contracts? Rebecca gave a brief explanation. Abel moved to approve the financial reports as prepared/ Al seconded the motion /motion carried unanimously.

- D. **Benton SWCD MOU:** Dave presented the Willamette FIP MOU and explained the curtesy involved when an SWCD works under another's jurisdiction. Sydney proposed applying for FIP funding so the UWSWCD can be involved next time. Ralph moved to approve the MOU/ Malcolm seconded the motion /motion carried unanimously
- E. **Polling Data/ Proposals:** Lily provided a recap of happenings on progress with the revenue enhancement and presented proposals from three polling companies; DHM, Lake Research, and FM3. Eric Nusbaum and Bob Parker both recommended DHM, because of the time and effort they will spend developing a solid questionnaire. Malcolm questioned the need for public funds, and Abel expressed a desire to have funded programs that appeal to the rural/farm communities. Tabular and graphical data was presented that shows current and future funds available to cover polling costs. Gary suggested having polling firm staff be present at the contract signing and to have directors meet the polling entity face-to-face. Ralph moved to authorize a contract up to \$25,000 from DHM to be determined by staff and presented at the December board meeting for approval. Malcolm seconded the motion/motion carried unanimously.
5. Announcements/Correspondence
- A. **NACD Conservation Investment:** Dave showed the bill for the NACD Conservation Investment for FY 2020. It was decided to contribute \$101 to the fund; bringing the UWSWCD into "Bronze" status
- B. **OACD Position Paper:** Was passed around and a brief discussion was had
6. Guests: Sydney declined further comments
7. Unfinished Business
- A. **Task Force Sub- Committee:** Input sessions for Silo Areas will be 12/11/2019 from 2-4p and 6-8p and 12/12/2019 from 10-12pm
- B. **Logo:** Revised renditions were presented and input was gathered. Logo should be finalized in time for tax base voting
8. New Business
- A. **Annual Meeting:** Eric N. proposed having a public event outside of our regular board meeting and a few ideas were made. It was decided that the staff will present several options at the December meeting
- B. **Nationwide Rollover Form:** Former employee JoMarie Lemmer requested her retirement funds rollover to a new account at her current investment firm. Ralph signed the form
9. Staff Reports
- A. **Tom Snyder-** Gave a brief update on Farm Bill and informed the board that a new Soil Conservationist has been hired to start in December or January
- B. **Dave Downing-** see attached
- C. **Lily Leitermann-** Gave a brief synopsis on the success of the Soil Health workshop on 10/23/2019 in Camp Creek area
- D. **Rebecca Ley-** Informed Board of her decision to return to school and will be leaving the District at the end of December

10. Director Reports

- A. **Al Hrynyshyn:** Referenced attached report, will be taking a leave of absence for surgery. Anticipates to be gone December and January
- B. **Gary Jensen:** Gave a brief update on SWCC Meeting in Redmond
- C. **Ralph Perkins:** Gave a brief update on latest MWC Meeting
- D. **Chuck Arrera:** Not Present

11. Items for Next Month's Agenda- December 10, 2019

- A. **Annual Meeting Event/Date**
- B. **Rec Steering Committee Update**
- C. **Personnel Update**

12. Adjournment:

- A. **Meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm**

Approved