



UPPER WILLAMETTE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES **Approved 4/12/22**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 3:00 pm
Meeting held via Zoom

Directors Present: Al Hrynyshyn, Gary Jensen, Chuck Arrera, Mary Durfee, and Malcolm Wilson.

Staff Present: Dave Downing, Clarissa Berndt, Leslie Owens, Lily Leitermann, Daniel Dietz, Nayt Boyt, and Sasha White.

Partners Present: Thomas Snyder, NRCS

Public Present: RED Team Members: Emma Garner and Dov Weinman.

1. **A. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Chair Hrynyshyn. Chair Hrynyshyn asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Dave Downing mentioned specific talking points when we get to certain areas of the agenda. [Director Durfee joined the meeting at 3:05 pm] Director Wilson moved to accept the agenda as presented, and Director Arrera seconded the motion, with no further discussion, the motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.
B. Public Comment: Chair Hrynyshyn asked if there were any comments from the public related to items on this agenda. Hearing none, Chair Hrynyshyn moved on.
2. **Action Items:**
 - A. **Board Minutes – [February 8, 2022]:** Director Durfee moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Chair Hrynyshyn seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.
 - B. **Annual Meeting Minutes – [February 8, 2022]:** Chair Hrynyshyn moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Director Wilson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.
 - C. **February Financial Reports:** *[Reports reviewed and discussed: Balance Sheet, Check Register, Fund Balance Spreadsheet, Profit & Loss Budget v. Actual, Profit & Loss by Class, Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison.]* Director Wilson moved to accept the February financial reports as presented, and Director Durfee seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.
 - D. **Compassionate Transfer of Leave Policy:** Dave Downing recapped the agreement for the board and stressed the partnership UWSACD has with NRCS and requests moving forward with signing the memorandum. Brief discussion followed. Director Arrera moved to accept the Compassionate Transfer of Leave policy as presented and Director Wilson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.
3. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Projects Committee:** Chair Hrynyshyn introduced the Regional Education Development Team members, Emma Garner and Dov Weinman, who attended the meeting to answer any questions on the Projects Committee's recommendation to support their RED Proposal. Questions regarding how the funds would be spent were answered, along with information given on the overall program. Director Arrera motioned to accept the proposal as presented, a discussion on further information followed, and the motion was denied, with a vote of 2-5 in favor. Director Wilson and Director Jensen voted against the approval and Director Durfee abstained requesting further discussion. Discussion followed between staff and board on the merit of the Proposal. Chair Hrynyshyn proposed that we put the RED Proposal to another vote and see where we stand. Dave Downing spoke up to remind the Board that if the motion does not pass, we can discuss it further at a later time. Chair Hrynyshyn motioned that we accept the proposal as presented, Director Arrera seconded the motion, with no further discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 4/1. Director Jensen voted against passing the RED Proposal.
 - B. **Personnel Committee:** Director Arrera gave a recap of the last meeting. Dave Downing mentioned the posting of the Conservation Forestry Specialist position.
4. **Staff Report Summary:** See attached reports.
5. **Partner Reports:**
 - A. **NRCS - Thomas Snyder:** Tom announced the Lane County NRCS Local Work Group meeting which will be on March 24th at 3:00 in the afternoon. This year's Local Work Group will be hosted by the Upper Willamette SWCD. Dave is placing the notice in the paper this Thursday. This year's Local Work Group Meeting will again be virtual. People interested in attending will contact the SWCD Admin email for a meeting link.

A. Other Reports/Discussion: Chair Hrynyshyn reminded the staff of the Budget Committee Meetings; mentioning the first meeting will be on March 22, 2022.

B. Public Comment: Chair Hrynyshyn called for the public to make public comment if they desired

C. Adjourn Meeting: Chair Hrynyshyn adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

All supporting documents mentioned in the minutes are a part of the official record, and are available upon request. Please contact the office at admin@uwsxcd.org to request copies.

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