



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6:00 PM  
USDA Service Center  
Pendleton, Oregon

### Call to Order - 6:00 pm

Attendees: Board Members - Colin Hemphill (Chair), Tom Straughan (Secretary/Treasurer), Aaron Madison, Berk Davis. Staff-Kyle Waggoner.

- 1) **NRCS Report** - None
- 2) **ODA Report** - None
- 3) **Activity Reports: Directors/Staff** - Kyle has been busy training Rachel and Shiloh in their job duties. Rachel has been busy with the SIA and has been planning outreach materials and reviewing the call list. Shiloh is still busy getting trained with the CREP program but is also working on a few contracts. Kyle has been working on multiple grants, both large and small.
- 4) **Administration**
  - a) March BOD Meeting Minutes and March and February Financial Report Filed
- 5) **Operations:**
  - a. **CONNECT Reports** - Kyle and Tom S. gave reports on what they thought of the CONNECT Conference. Overall, it was a good conference and was especially beneficial for the new employees.
  - b. **Medical Insurance through SDIS** - The Board wanted to get more information on insurance rates and types before looking into committing to a plan for the District.
  - c. **Farmed Smart OWEB Grant** - Kyle gave the BOD an update on a potential OWEB Large Grant for the fall, which would involve bring the PNWDSA program into Oregon.
  - d. **4-Wheeler Acquisition** - Kyle notified the BOD that NRCS was getting rid of a 4-wheeler and the District acquired it.
  - e. **NACD Membership** - The Board voted unanimously to pay the membership amount for the NACD. Motioned by Tom S. seconded by Berk. Discussion on how the NACD helps Districts took place.
  - f. **Grant Updates** - Kyle gave an update on the various grants the District is working on. The Board is pleased with the amount of projects the District now has the capacity to tackle.

### 6) **Conservation Plans Approved:**

**Adjourned 7:15pm**

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018