



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 20th, 2018

6:00 PM

USDA Service Center

Pendleton, Oregon

Call to Order - 6:00 pm

Attendees: Board Members - Colin Hemphill (Chair), Tim Spratling (Vice Chair), Gus Wahner, Tom Straughan (Secretary/Treasurer), Aaron Madison. Staff-Kyle Waggoner. NRCS-None. ODA-None. Guests-Mary Corp, Don Wysocki, Greg Goad.

- 1) **OSU Presentation-** Mary Corp, OSU gave a presentation on the tax base process that extension went through. Good information was gleaned for what it would take for a tax base for the District.
- 2) **Activity Reports: Directors/Staff -** Kyle has been busy sorting applicants and interviewing for both the SIA job and the CREP job. Kyle also has been prepping for the CIG grant, and there have been multiple small grants keeping him busy.
- 3) **Administration:**
 - a) January Treasurer Report (Filed) - No discussion
 - b) January BOD Meeting Minutes and Annual Meeting Minutes (Filed) - Correction to mark Aaron Madison as present. Filed with correction.
- 4) **Operations:**
 - a. WWLAC Updates - Kyle gave a brief summary of the Walla Walla LAC meeting and the District's role in choosing Focus Areas to meet objectives within the document. No discussion.
 - b. Streambank/DSL Meeting - The Board voted unanimously to act only as an adviser for the permitting process, and to not undertake any actual contracted work for DSL permits.
 - c. LRP Recap - Kyle briefly summarized the Board's desire to build up more capital before any long-range planning ideas are implemented.
 - d. Small Farms Registration for Gus - The board voted unanimously (Gus abstained) to waive Gus' Small Farms Conference fee of \$50. No discussion.
 - e. CONNECT Registration - The Board voted unanimously (Tom S. abstained) to pay the \$250 for Tom S.'s CONNECT registration as well as for the additional employee that the District will hire. No discussion.
 - f. California Trip - Kyle notified the Board of his trip to California, the 19th through the 20th. No discussion.
 - g. Grant Updates - Kyle updated the Board on current grant projects (see attached sheet for more information). Discussion on the NRCS CIG grant and its merits took place.
 - h. Staff Updates - Kyle notified the Board of the current process of hiring for three new positions. Discussion on capacity and the new exciting opportunities took place.
 - i. Printer Change of Service - Due to the poor customer service of Abeco, the Board voted unanimously to change printer service providers. No discussion.
 - j. Regular Meeting Adjourned
 - k. Executive Session - The Board went in to Executive Session to discuss staff salary. Regular meeting was then reopened. The final decision was to raise Kyle Waggoner's salary by 7%. Unanimous votes.
- 5) **Conservation Plans Approved:**
Adjourned 8:10pm
Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, March 13th 2018