



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
5:00 PM  
Hamleys Steakhouse  
8 SE Court Ave  
Pendleton, Oregon

### Call to Order - 5:00 pm

Attendees: Board Members - Colin Hemphill (Chair), Tim Spratling (Vice Chair), Gus Wahner, Tom Straughan (Secretary/Treasurer), Staff-Kyle Waggoner. NRCS-Nate James. ODA-Tom Demianew. Guests-None.

- 1) **NRCS Report** - Nate notified the Board that their will be a CSTP sign-up this year. No date has been set forth yet. Nate also gave an update on the EQIP projects, and notified the Board of the two-new staff that the field office recently received.
- 2) **ODA Report** - Tom notified the Board of the SIA meeting that will be held on February 23th.
- 3) **Activity Reports: Directors/Staff** - Robert has been busy with CREP and creating an outreach plan for the 2018 year. Robert also is now finishing the final report for the old CREP grant. The Conservation Planning Course started, and Robert has begun WFD planning. Kyle has been working on the Annual Meeting, LAC meeting, site visits in the Focus Areas, and a CIG grant for 2018. He also has begun work on the SIA grant for this year.
- 4) **Administration:**
  - a) December Treasurer Report (Filed) - No discussion
  - b) December BOD Meeting Minutes (Filed) - No discussion
- 5) **Operations:**
  - a. IRS Transfer Question - Kyle reported that the IRS pre-transfer noticed in Decembers financials was a normal occurrence
  - b. New OACD Director - Tom Straughan announced that OACD had hired a new Director
  - c. Fred Pryor Training *Unacceptable Employee Behavior* - The Board suggested Kyle attend this training. Motion by Tim, seconded by Colin, unanimously approved
  - d. Grant Updates - Kyle presented on the current grant opportunities (see attached)
  - e. Long Range Planning Session Location - The Board discussed meeting at a restaurant instead of the normal conference room. Kyle will look into a couple local restaurants and notify the Board of which one would work the best.
- 6) **Conservation Plans Approved:**
  - 7 CRP Grazing - 762.9 ac
  - 6 Beginning Farmer CRP Grazing - 2417.4 ac
  - 16 CREP Reenrollments- 190.3 ac

### Adjourned 5:45

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm USDA Service Center  
Long Range Planning Session Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
NRCS Local Work Group Meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> 10 am LBR