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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday Nov 18, 2009 LOCATION: SWCD meeting room, 200 SE Hailey Ave. Pendleton

Call to Order	Phillip Walchli called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.																				
Attendees	Directors Present: Phillip Walchli, Tom Straughan, Chuck Hemphill, Louie Dick, Bob Roselle and Berk Davis. Associate Director Tim Spratling Directors absent: Cheri Cosper Staff: Bev Kopperud Partner/guest: Loren Unruh (NRCS)																				
1. Presentation																					
2. Reports:	NRCS, Loren Unruh- District Conservationist, reported on the status of the budget process, won't met the deadline																				
3. Approval of October Minutes and October Treasurer Report	The Directors reviewed the October Minutes and October Treasurers report, corrections were made to Loren Unruh report; change 150 applications to 50 and Change Item one OACD-silent caution to auction. Tom made a motion to approve the Minutes as with corrections; the motion was seconded with all voting approval. Berk made a motion to approve the Treasurers report A discussion followed on how to work with landowners to encourage prompt implementation of granted projects. This is an issue for the cash flow of the District; there are projects with admin and program management that can't be requested without appropriate work being accomplished, so how can we encourage the recipient of the grant to expedite the work sooner than later.																				
4. New Business: SDAO 2010 Best Practice Assessment	The Directors discussed the SDAO assessment, directing the District Manager to complete the assessment/survey on line.																				
5. Staff & Director Reports:	The Directors who attended the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting were glad of the opportunity to attend the segments that were of interest to them and still have the flexibility to take care of their own businesses. Rich Baden with the Spokane Conservation District presented "Blazing New Trails". It was very well received with a great message. For those who missed his speech, I have attached it to this document.																				
6. Previous Business: Cooperator of the Year Nomination	The Directors discussed the merits of the nominees and decided to select Davis Orchards as conservationist of the year for 2009. The award will be presented at the SWCD Annual Meeting in January , then submit Davis Orchards to the OACD committee for statewide consideration, in November of 2010.																				
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8. Executive Session ORS 192.660-6	At 8:00pm Chairman Phillip Walchli declared the executive session in order and excused all except the Board members. The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:30. Tom made a																				

motion to contact Karla Sanders ODA to mediate concerns expressed through letters from staff members.

Board meeting ended @ 8:35pm

Recorded by: Bev Kopperud