



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2009**      **LOCATION: SWCD meeting room, 200 SE Hailey Ave. Pendleton**

1. Call to Order	Phil Walchli-Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Attendees	Directors Present: Phil Walchli, Louie Dick, Berk Davis , Tom Straughan and Cheri Cosper Directors absent: Chuck Hemphill and Bob Rosselle Associate Directors: Frank Woody and Tim Spratling Staff: Bev, Heidi and Corrie , Teresa Absent NRCS District Conservationist-Lorraine Vogt Partner/guest: John Williams-USDA-ARS, Chris Fulton-CTUIR and Kevin Blakely- ODFW
3. Presentation	None
4. Partners Reports	1) Lorraine Vogt- NRCS District Conservationist (subbing for Loren) reported on the status of the EQIP sign-up, which includes an incentive for organic farming this round which will close May 29. 2) Tom Straughan-ODA reported on ODA's possible budget cuts maybe 20-25 or 30 %, if the cut is 30% it will affect SWCDs financially. Nineteen Irrigated Ag surveys reporting on approximately 60,000 acres have been turned in, the goal is for 100,000 acres. The surveys will be evaluated by a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party , the results will be reported in the LUB GWMA Annual Report, The LUB Plan requires meeting the Irrigated Ag BMP goals by 95% by end of 2009. 3)Kevin Blakely –ODFW reported on partnerships with UBWC and NOAA on Birch Creek projects; State budget and legislative session; late Chinook runs, may delay or cancel fishing season along the Columbia River; and a prey selection study on Mt Emily unit related to cougars. 4) John Williams- USDA-ARS OSU reported their budget is flat for this year. Gerking flat study paper is written and thanked Heidi for her help and will be submitted to the NW Science Journal. Still working on the CRP biomass project with FSA and OSU to get the required acreage, conducting the vegetation analysis through a potential Sun Grant. 5) Chris Fulton- CTUIR Assistant Fish Biologist made the Board aware of a potential conflict on a conservation easement on private property, where the owner is interested in a streambank restoration project that would conflict with an established CREP project. Heidi explained , she had met with the interested parties and had discussed the need to bring all entities involved together prior to making any recommendations.
5. Approval of April Minutes and Treasurer Report	Louie made a motion to approve the April Minutes and approve the Treasurer Report as submitted; motion was seconded and approved by all.
6. New Business:	
1) Health Insurance options	1) The Directors were supplied with a summary of three different plan options. Tom made a motion to approve the Gold Option 1 which increased the deductible from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 the motion was seconded with all voting approval.
2) Budget Committee Meeting	2) Chairman Phil Walchli will hold a meeting in July
3) Personnel Committee Meeting	3) Chairman Berk Davis set the meeting for May 28, at 1:00pm with Phil, Tim and Tom
4) Annual Plan of Work	4) Staff will meet and work on the plan
5) Audit proposal	5) Ask the auditor to review the Districts financials now to see how close we are to the \$500,000 expenditures. If under that amount it would require an review instead of a full audit.

**8. Information/ Reports**

- 1) Directors
  - 2) Natural Resource Specialist
  - 3) Ag Resource Specialist
  - 4) CWN Coordinator
  - 5) District Manager
- 2) Heidi Hartman- report on file.
  - 3) Corrie Thorne –report on file.
  - 4) Teresa Walchli.-report on file-

**9. Conservation Plans Approved:**

Program	Number	Acres	Comments
CRP	5	75.4	revisions
CREP	1	49.5	revision
CCRP	1	16.3	revision

Board meeting ended @ 8:20pm

Next Board Meeting

**June 10th@ 6:00Pm after planning session**

Recorded by: Bev Kopperud

Prepared by Bev