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**Umatilla County SWCD
Regular BOD Meeting
Minutes
FEB 10, 2010
Approved March 11**

Feb Board meeting called to order by Chairman Phil Walchli at 6:10PM

Attendees: Phil Walchli, Berk Davis, Tom Straughan, Chuck Hemphill, Robert Rosselle, Bev Kopperud, Teresa Walchli, Tim Spratling, Shannon Hoehna and Kathy Ferge

1. Introductions- Phil introduced Shannon Hoehna- (new to this office) NRCS Soil Conservationist, attending meeting for Loren.

Phil also handed out the Hermiston Herald, Nov 2009 article on the Poster contest winners. He also noted that the Board will be using 3-ring notebooks for the Board meeting agenda items, and to please take the items, but leave the notebooks for next month meeting.

2. Partner Reports- Shannon reported on the status of EQIP sign-up, received 114 applications, closes Friday Feb 12th. 15 CSP contracts were approved out of 55, maybe another round in April. Friday is Kacee Lathrop's last day in the office has been promoted to Heppner NRCS District Conservationist.

3. Minutes - Chairman Phil Walchli

- 1) Dec 9, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes
- 2) Feb 4, Annual Meeting Minutes
- 3) Feb 6, Board Retreat Minutes

Treasurer Report -Treasurer Tom Straughan

- 1) December 2009 Treasurer Report (new format)
- 2) January 2010 Treasurer Report

Tom Straughan made a motion to approve the Dec 9, Feb 4 and Feb 6 minutes as presented, the motion was seconded and all voted approval

Tom presented the Dec and Jan treasurer's reports. Chuck made a motion to approve both reports, the motion was seconded and all voted approval.

4. New Business:

- 1) Mid Year Budget Report
- 2) Quarterly Grant Report-
- 3) RC&D Project sponsor- **Kathy Ferge**
- 4) Ecosystem Services event "Forging the Carbon Offset Supply Chain in Oregon"
- 5) OACD Dues
- 6) Personnel Committee- **Chair Berk Davis**

1) The Directors reviewed report and requested to have a monthly budget update showing.

2) Directors discussed the grant programs and reviewed the report

3) The Columbia Feeders Vegetative Treatment Area project submitted by the CBMRC&D, Bob made a motion to sponsor the project, the motion was seconded and all voted to approve.

4) The conference will be held at Silver Falls Conference Center East Salem. The District has been awarded a scholarship to attend, which includes fees, meals and lodging. The Directors recommended Berk or Bob attend the meeting, as the event is a "road map" to find a place in the carbon economy.

5) The Directors reviewed the application, Bob made a motion to pay the yearly membership dues of \$1000.00, and the motion was seconded with all voting in favor.

6) The Personnel Committee Chair recommended freezing staff salary at current level until July 2010 or next staff review period.

Bob made a motion as recommended by the Personnel Committee Chair; the motion was seconded with all voting in favor.

7) Consider changing Board Mtg day

7) Tom explained he has a conflict of SWCD Board meetings for Wed and asked that the Board consider changing to the second Thursday of the month for this Board meeting. Phil made the motion to hold future board meetings on the 2nd Thursday beginning with the March Meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

8) Proposed projects/programs

8) Teresa handed out five project proposals, some were multiple landowners. The Directors reviewed each proposal and recommended writing the required grant applications for follow-up as needed, (proposals on file)

5. Staff & Directors Reports:

No further reports

6. Previous Business:

1) Long Range Plan

Tom presented a PowerPoint presentation of the long version of the "Long Range Plan" and handed out the short version which has 3 goals followed by actions ; Goal 1 Foster a sustainable agriculture-based economy, Goal 2- Foster sustainable use of water resources and Goal 2-Foster effective SWCD programs to serve the needs of the citizens. The long version will include expected outcomes or products.

7. Conservation Plans Approved: Dec 2009/ January 2010

No comments

Program	Number	Acres	Comments
CRP	1	190	Grazing plan
CREP	2	20.6	Plan revisions
CCRP	0		
AWEP	0		

8.

Sustainable Ag Seminar Feb 11th- Hermiston Community Center from 8-4
March 24th Small Acre Workshop Hermiston Community Center

The attendees were reminded to attend the 2 events listed.