



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 19th at noon
Zoom and USDA Service Center 1 SW Nye Ave Ste 130
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Call to Order – 12:00 pm

- 1) **Introductions/Roll Call:** Board Members: Tom Straughan, Aaron Madison, Andrea Mann. Zoom – Berk Davis, Tim Spratling. ODA – Karin Stutzman (Zoom). Nate James – NRCS. Kyle Waggoner – Staff. Colin Hemphill – Interested in becoming director.
- 2) **Presentations: NRCS** – Nate gave an update on NRCS activities. NRCS is hiring around 10 positions in the basin, and Nate has been spearheading that since he has been acting over the basin. One of those will be an engineer for the local office. Additionally, the new Basin lead will be housed in Pendleton. Kyle asked if the engineer positioned would be utilized for any flooding assistance; Nate said likely not. Trevor took another job will be moving on, and Nate wont be rushing to fill that Soil Con roll just yet. EQIP looks really good this year, with 6 million coming into Umatilla County. The stockwater program is going well, and Kyle offered to see if the small grant program can fill in the gaps for folks that don't quite qualify. Nate agreed that a meeting should be held to see how the small grant program can supplement. The CRP sign-up just opened, and Tom asked when it ended. Nate said he would check and get that info the Kyle to share with the Board. Finally, Nate asked if the Board would hold a planning session with him to help guide the spending of IRA funds in the next few years. Kyle proposed the May Board meeting, and will put it on the agenda.
ODA – Karin Stutzman gave a brief overview of ODA activities. ODA is hiring a compliance manager and two water quality specialists, since Kevin Fenn is now ODA Manager. Karin also mentioned that CONNECT is coming up, it is budget season for many Districts, and that SWCD reporting will now become digitized in the near future. Tom mentioned that Robb Hibbs with ODA had reached out for history on the LUBGWMA, and told Karin that he had pointed him towards OSU as they will have the best grasp on ag's changing practices in the LUB.
- 3) **Administration:**
 - a. February Treasurer's Report – Filed. Moved by Andrea, 2nd by Aaron. No discussion. Unanimous.
 - b. January Meeting Minutes – Filed. Moved by Tom, Colin 2nd. No discussion. Unanimous.
- 4) **Operations:**
 - a. Local Government Investment Pool Onboarding – Kyle explained to the Board that to partake in the LGIP, the Board would need to make a motion to begin the process. Tom asked Kyle if the Board had discussed how much money to put into the account; Kyle responded roughly \$100,000, but the final amounts will be determined in the May Board Meeting when Kyle gives a financial funding presentation. Tom moved to participate in the program, Tim 2nd. Unanimous.
 - b. Zoning and Board Member Appointments – Kyle presented the draft Zoning map from ODA and reminded the Board why it needed to be re-zoned, since director eligibility had changed in 2022. Andrea moved to adopt and approve the new zoning

map as presented, and Aaron 2nd. Unanimous. Since the new map made Tom Straughan no longer a director, Andrea motioned for Tom to become the Zone 5 Director, Berk the Zone 3 Director, and Colin the Zone 4 Director. Aaron 2nd. Unanimous. The three directors then took the Oath of Office and were sworn in. Then, officers were discussed. The Board was happy to keep the same roles. Andrea motioned to make Colin Hemphill Chair, Tim Vice-Chair, and Tom Straughan Sec/Treas. 2nd by Aaron. Unanimous.

- c. Grant Updates/Staff Report – Kyle presented the staff report and grant chart (attached). The District has been working on a lot of projects, primarily the Flooding Guidebook and the SIAs. Kyle got the new website launched, and he has been assisting the City of Echo, City of Helix, and City of Pendleton with USACE and FEMA grants. Additionally, Kyle applied for and received a grant for the East Birch SIA and is working on a few more. Andrea thanked Kyle for the work and for the position the District is now in to continue to make positive impact in the community.

5) **Adjourn 1:40pm-** motion by Colin 2nd by Tim. Unanimous.

Next Meeting – May 21st, USDA Service Center and Zoom

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Addendum Minutes 4/2/24 12:10pm

(Zoom)

- **Introductions/Roll Call:** Board Members: Tom Straughan, Aaron Madison, Andrea Mann, Tim Spratling.. Guests – Colin Hemphill. ODA – Sandi Hiatt. Staff – Kyle Waggoner.

Administration:

- a. February Treasurer’s Report – Andrea moved to file, Tom 2nd. Unanimous.
- b. January Meeting Minutes – Andrea moved to file, Aaron 2nd. Unanimous.

Operations:

- a. Local Government Investment Pool Onboarding – Kyle reminded the Board that to partake in the LGIP, the Board would need to make a motion to begin the process. Amounts and finer details will be determined in the May Board Meeting when Kyle gives a financial funding presentation. Andrea moved to participate in the LGIP, Aaron 2nd. Unanimous.

Berk Davis joined at 12:23pm.

Map Zoning

- a. Sandi Hiatt introduced herself as the Elections Clerk from ODA and declared Zone 5 vacant as of 1/1/24 due to the new legislation that effected director eligibility.



- b. Tom Straughan requested to resign from his Zone 4 position to accommodate the changing of the zoning map.
- c. Sandi Hiatt accepted Tom Straughan's resignation and declared Zone 4 vacant.
- d. Andrea moved to adopt the new zoning map as presented from ODA. Berk 2nd. Unanimous.
- e. Tom said he was willing to be appointed to Zone 5. Berk made a motion to appoint Tom Straughan to the Zone 5 Director position. Aaron 2nd. Unanimous. Tom was then sworn in.
- f. Colin Hemphill said he was willing to be the Zone 4 director. Tom moved to appoint Colin Hemphill to Zone 4. 2nd by Berk. Unanimous. Colin was then sworn in.
- g. Berk requested to resign from his At-Large position so that he can be appointed to the new Zone 3 with the changing of the map. Sandi Hiatt accepted his resignation. The At-Large position was declared vacant. Tom motioned to appoint Berk to the Zone 3 position. Aaron 2nd. Unanimous.
- h. Kyle then asked the Board if they would like to accept the same officers that was discussed in the last meeting. Aaron motioned to appoint Colin Hemphill as Chair, Tim Spratling as Vice-Chair, and Tom Straughan as Secretary/Treasurer. Berk 2nd. Unanimous.
- i. Tim adjourned the meeting at 12:36pm.