



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at noon  
Zoom and USDA Service Center 1 SW Nye Ave Ste 130  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

### Call to Order – 12:01 pm

- 1) **Introductions/Roll Call:** Colin Hemphill, Chair. Tim Spratling, Vice Chair. Tom Straughan, Sec/Treas. Andrea Mann, Aaron Madison. NRCS – Nate James. ODA – Shiloh Simrell. Staff- Kyle Waggoner.
- 2) **Presentations: NRCS** – Nate gave an update on NRCS activities. EQIP just finished up recently, with less overall numbers than in the past. However 14% of the total of EQIP around the state was from Umatilla County. 3.9 million in IRA funding will start coming down the pipe, with that number doubling ever year for a few years. 35,000 acres were just signed up in the latest CRP sign-up. This fall, Nate and Kyle will begin working at taking a look at an annual grass RCPP for the Ukiah area. Once we have a map together Nate will show the project idea to the Board. Finally, Nate will be getting a new soil conservationist in July. Staffing should remain consistent now at around five soil cons.  
**ODA** – Shiloh Simrell introduced herself as the new Ag Water Quality Specialist for ODA. She mentioned that the next steps for her role with the Umatilla SWCD will be working with Kyle on finalizing the monitoring plan for the SIA, and then tackling the SIA with the SWCD. Kyle and the Board congratulated Shiloh on the new position and look forward to working with her in her new role.
- 3) **Administration:**
  - a. May Treasurer’s Report – Attached. Aaron noticed a \$10,000 depreciation listed in the financials. Kyle told the Board he would check into it, but figured it was a typo in the document as the District does not own any equipment greater than \$10,000 in value. Andrea moved to approve the minutes. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.
  - b. April Meeting Minutes – Attached. No discussion. Aaron moved to approve, Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.
- 4) **Operations:**
  - a. FY 23-24 Budget – Kyle presented the FY23-24 budget (attached). Kyle briefly went over each category, including the budgeted payroll for a new part-time staff person. The budget is set to currently balance with \$13,480 in the District’s favor. Kyle mentioned that next meeting the Board can discuss more about what the District needs in an employee. No further discussion. Aaron moved, Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the budget. Unanimous.
  - b. FY 23-24 Annual Work Plan – Attached. Aaron noticed that the dates on the annual report needed changed, which Kyle promptly fixed. No further discussion. Andrea motioned to approve, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.
  - c. Project Updates – Attached. Kyle briefly covered each of the Districts current projects including McKay, Helix, and the Flooding Guidebook. The Guidebook is fully funded, Helix is awaiting SOW from Anderson and Perry, and the McKay OWEB project will likely be rolled into the City of Pendleton FEMA grant. No further discussion.

5) **Adjourn-** Andrea moved, Colin 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next Meeting – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 12pm USDA Service Center and Zoom

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