

**CLATSOP SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2013
OSU EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM
ASTORIA, OREGON**

Those in attendance:

Mike Seppa – Director at large 1, Chair
Cary Johnson – Director at large 2
Jerome Arnold – Director Zone 1
Katherine Kahl – Director Zone 2
Ted Warila – Director Zone 3
John McKesson – Director Zone 4
Wayne Carmichael – Director Zone 5
Wendi Agalzoff-LaRue – District Technician
Nathan Herr – CREP Technician
Tessa James Scheller – Associate Director
Gail Galen – Skipanon Water Control District

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mike Seppa called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be held at the District Office, November 13, 2013 at 10:00 am.

John McKesson shared that Steve Straus from OSU is giving a two hour presentation on genetic engineering at the Mystic Theater on October 14th, 2013, 6:00 to 8:00 pm and will be available on YouTube.

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2013 - *The Chair entertained a motion to approve the September 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes, Ted Warila moved, Wayne Carmichael second, motion approved unanimously.*

Annual Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2013 – *The Chair entertained a motion to approve the September 14, 2013 annual meeting minutes, Ted Warila moved, Wayne Carmichael second, motion approved unanimously.*

FINANCIAL

A report was handed out on general fund budget vs. actual, a list of transactions for the checking account, a list of petty cash transactions, and a customer served report. *The Chair entertained a motion to approve the financial report, Cary Johnson moved, Ted Warila second, motion approved unanimously.*

Director John McKesson volunteered to survey his zone and report Knotweed locations to the District Technician and urged other directors to do the same.

ACTION ITEMS

Columbia/Clatsop CREP Agreement – Nathan Herr reported that OWEB gave him a little less than three weeks to write a grant for another CREP Agreement that will be for 2 years starting in January 2014. Nathan submitted an application for a Columbia and Clatsop joint CREP position beginning 2014 and would like a letter of support from the Board of Directors. Nathan submitted to the Board a scope of work and budget of the grant application he submitted for review. The Board discussed the pros and cons CREP program. Jerome wanted to send a letter addressing the length of time it takes to get a project approved. ***Cary Johnson moved to approve sending a letter of support for application of another CREP agreement with Columbia County, Ted Warila second, motion approved 6:1 Aye: Seppa, Johnson, Warila, McKesson, Carmichael, Kahl. Nay: Arnold.***

Senior Project Workshop – Wendi has been working with a High School Senior on his senior project to host a water quality workshop. Wendi asked if the Board would be interested in covering the grange rental fee from the TA/LMA funding. ***Cary Johnson moved to approve paying the grange rental fee of \$30.00 from the TA/LMA funding, Jerome Arnold second, motion passed unanimously.***

OLD BUSINESS

Cullaby Creek Water Quality – Tessa Scheller brought concern over a landowner on Cullaby Creek that has horses along the Creek in need of riparian exclusion fencing maintenance. The Board along with guests present discussed the issue. Attempts had been made to contact the landowner by telephone unsuccessfully. The Board asked that the District Technician send a letter to the landowner and possibly follow up with a site visit. ***Jerome Arnold moved to approve sending a letter to the Cullaby Creek landowner addressing the presented resource concern's, John McKesson second, discussion commenced in which Directors, Associate Director and public commented, motion approved 6:1, Aye: Seppa, Johnson, Arnold, Carmichael, Kahl, Warila. Nay: McKesson.***

REPORTS

District Technician – Wendi Agalzoff-LaRue. Report presented. See report

Discussion commenced about having some point source testing done on Cullaby Lake to determine nutrient sources contributing to the algae blooms.

CREP Technician – Nathan Herr. Report presented. See report.

BOARD MEMBERS

Director Zone 1 – Jerome Arnold. Jerome reported that he is mentoring an Astoria High School student for a senior project. Jerome has collected data loggers for water quality in the Cannon Beach area.

Director Zone 2 – Katherine Kahl. No report.

Director Zone 3 – Ted Warila. No report.

Director Zone 4 – John McKesson. John reported he attended a special session concerning genetic modification of seeds.

Director Zone 5 – Wayne Carmichael. Wayne will meet in the office with the District Technician and AHS Senior Jake Kaup to prepare for speaking at Jake’s senior project event on water quality in the Clatsop Plains.

Director at large position 1 – Mike Seppa. No report.

Director at large position 2 – Cary Johnson. No report.

Associate Director – Tessa James Scheller. Tessa reported that the Skipanon Water Control District is still waiting for NRCS’s letter of closure for PL 566 in order so that they can de-commission the water control structure.

ADJOURN

Cary moved to adjourn, Ted second, meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:25 AM.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____, **CHAIR**

DATE: _____