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June 21st, 2023
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting

Directors, Associates

In attendance:

Stan Dean – Chair *(Signature)*
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair *(Signature)*
Frank Baratta – Director
Ron Hillers – Secretary/Treasurer *(Signature)*
Pam Hillers – Associate Director
Katelyn Detweiler – Director
Nicky Webb-Smith – Director
Don Hamann - Director

Zoom:

Gordon Jones – Director Emeritus

Staff:

In attendance:

Jill Smedstad – Executive Director
Trevor Morris – Business Manager
Paul DeMaggio – Soil and Water Conservation Engineer
(Excused at 5:05)

Guests:

In attendance:

Peter Winnick (Excused at 5:40)
Beth Pietrzak – Oregon Department of Agriculture
Aaron Krikava – Rogue Valley Prescribed Burn Association

Zoom:

Colleen Roberts – County Commissioner

Director Dean called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Director Dean asked for introductions as there were a few new faces.

Aaron Krikava with Rogue Valley Prescribed Burn Association gave a presentation on a recent Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) grant that the Applegate Partnership Watershed Council (APWC) received from JSWCD. The grant was \$7,000 and was used to purchase equipment that would be used for controlled burning to include drop torches, jerry cans, hand tools, backpack pumps, a 1500-gallon tank, hose lay equipment as well as a slip-on unit with a high-pressure pump. Aaron talked about the importance of controlled burning to prevent wildfire.

Beth Pietrzak, with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), gave an update on the Agricultural Water Quality Program. Beth presented some background information, roles of ODA and SWCD's, and talked briefly about the District Capacity grants for 2023-2025. These will be \$193,188.00 over a two-year period. Beth also talked about Ag Water Quality Rules, compliance and investigation, and Site Implementation Areas (SIA).

Paul DeMaggio gave a presentation on the Phillips Ditch Project located in the Applegate as well as gave an update on irrigation reservoir storage around the county.

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Baratta to approve the May 17th, 2023, meeting minutes with the correction of a capitalization of Chris Van Ness's name passed unanimously.

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Annual Budget Resolution 23/06-111

A motion by Director Webb-Smith with a second by Director Niedermeyer to approve the Budget Resolution 23/06-111, to adopt the budget, make appropriation, impose the tax, and categorize the tax passed unanimously.

REPORTS

OWEB – Small Grant Team

Nothing to report.

OACD

Director Dean stated that Andrea Kleiner sent out the first OACD monthly newsletter since taking the position. Some Board members did not receive the email and would like to be added to the list.


SWCC

Nothing new to report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Business Manager

Minutes approved as printed:

 _____ Date 7-19-23

Approved as amended:

_____ Date _____