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**January 20, 2021
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
(JSWCD)
Board Meeting**

Directors, Associates

Allan Campbell – Chair
Don Hamann – Director
Ron Hillers – Director - Secretary/Treasurer
Barbara Niedermeyer – Vice Chair
Juanita Wright – Director – via Zoom
Stan Dean – Director
Pam Hillers – Associate Director
Gordon Jones – Associate Director – via Zoom
Nicky Webb Smith – Director- via Zoom

Staff & Guests

Randy White – District Manager
Trevor Morris
Markie Germer
Via ZOOM:
Paul DeMaggio
Megan Montgomery
Kora Mousseaux
Clint Nichols
Jenna Sanford
Karelia VerEecke
Collene Roberts – Commissioner
Tonia Moro – Public

Board Chair Campbell opened the meeting at 4:00 pm. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

Barbara Niedermeyer, representing Zone 2, Ron Hillers, representing Zone 5, and Don Hamann representing Zone 4 recited the oath of office as the newly re-elected Directors. Via Zoom, Nicky Webb Smith recited the oath of office as the newly elected Director representing Zoon 3.

Officer Elections

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to elect Director Dean as the Board Chair passed unaminously.

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Dean to elect Director Niedermeyer as Vice Chair passed unanimously.

A motion by Director Dean with a second by Director Hamann to elect Director Hillers as Treasurer/Secretary passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberts report

Commissioner Roberts reported that the county is working on fire recovery, Covid 19, and temporary housing.

Committee Appointments

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Niedermeyer to approve the following appointees to the standing committees:

Personnel Committee – Don Hamann, Randy White, Pam Hillers, Allan Campbell, and Juanita Wright.

District Funds Committee – Allan Campbell, Barbara Niedermeyer, Randy White, and Gordon Jones

Education/Outreach Committee – Karelia Ver Eecke, Randy White, Nicky Webb Smith

Equipment Committee – Ron Hillers, Don Hamann, Gordon Jones, Meghan Montgomery, Randy White, and Trevor Morris

The motion passed unanimously.

Karelia asked to add Kora Mousseaux to the Education/Outreach Committee. **A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Niedermeyer to approve Kora Mousseaux as a member of the Education/Outreach Committee passed unanimously.**

Director Dean asked that the Board to come with suggestions for a Director to fill the vacant Zone 1 position.

Agenda

Added to the Agenda are the appointments of the Associated Directors and Director Emeritus. And discuss Director Picanso absences.

District Manager will put together a paper on the protocol for appointing a director when a director position is vacant.

Director Emeritus

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hamann to appoint Juanita Wright as Director Emeritus passed unanimously.

Associate Directors

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hillers to appoint Pam Hillers and Gordon Jones as Associate Directors passed unanimously.

Minutes

A motion by Director Niedermeyer with a second by Director Hamann to approve the minutes from November 18, 2020 JSWCD Board Meeting as presented passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Hamann to accept the November treasurer's reports as presented passed unanimously.

A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Hamann to accept the December treasurer's reports as presented passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Paul spoke about his site visit to the new owners of the Billings Ranch in Ashland (the new name is Madella Bison Ranch) and their water resources concerns and issues. Paul created a water resource report for them that summarizes all their water rights, their wells, and wetlands as well as thoughts and ideas for irrigating. Kora reported that she has been doing some coordination with for PSP program and partner collaboration. Clint spoke for Megan as well when he reported on the fires. They have been busy with post fire recover, mostly on the Obenchain fire. Clint and Meghan presented at the Drinking Water Workshop last week and

Staff Report (continued)

Clint presented at the TMDL Meeting this afternoon. In the process they developed a power point presentation that gives a lot of statistics on what the District has done in the Obenchain: They have been out on-site visits with 35 landowners. They still have 23 landowners more to contact. The District has distributed 1600 pounds of seed, 1300 pounds of wildfire seed mix, and 264 bales of rice straw. Karelia reported on the 2019-2020 Annual Report. She explained that it is in a magazine format and she gave a thorough overview highlighting some of District projects and programs.

Director Dean asked how the annual report will be distributed. It will up on the website, and it will be mailed to the landowners that staff has been working with. Director Dean suggested mailing it to state legislators and county commissioners. Director Hillers suggested that board and staff contact information be added to the report. Each board member will distribute the annual reports where they see fit.

Staff was excused at 5:14p.m.

Equipment Committee

The committee scheduled a meeting for Tuesday February 9 at 2p.m. to plan for the coming year.

Personnel Committee

District Manager White reported that the Personnel Committee met yesterday to review the Personnel Policy. The draft policy should be available for Board approval at the next board meeting. The Board requested that they receive the Personnel Policy by Monday, February 8th to read and review the document before the Board meeting on February 17th.

Legislature Update

Included in the Board Packet is a list of the updated state legislators. The new legislation session started last week. Director Dean said that there were 1500 bills posted for the new session. Of that, there are 30 or 40 bills related to natural resources. There are about 1200 more bills that will be posted Friday or Saturday. Director Dean briefly reviewed some of the bills that included solar facilities, regional water planning, Envirothon funding, organic farming, and wolf funding, to name a few.

The advocacy delegation of authority needs to have a third person to step into the role. Put this on the agenda for next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Biennial Work Plan

District Manager White reviewed the new format for reporting on the Biennial Work Plan. He asked the Board how they would like to see the report. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the report as presented.

Manager's Briefing

District Manager White reported that he is drafting a letter regarding the progress of the Applegate SIA project. Input for this letter is coming from the SIA partners. District Manager White will have more information in his next manager's briefing. He also reported that OWEB has approved the Obenchain fire recovery grant and the grant agreement will be sent to the District for signature. It is being fast tracked by OWEB and once the agreement is signed, work can begin. The grant is over \$50,000 so it needs Board Approval for the District Manager to sign the agreement. **A motion by Director Hillers with a second by Director Hamann to give the District Manager signatory authority for the OWEB grant agreement passed unanimously.**

OWEB

There was nothing to report.

OACD

There was nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Markie Germer

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Minutes approved as printed:

_____ Date _____

Approved as amended:

Stan O'Connell Date 2-17-21