

PUBLIC COMMENT

Introductions were made.

REPORTS**NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Services)**

Don handed out a Non-Discrimination Statement and a Checklist of Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners. He went on to explain that the partnership between NRCS and the District has four agreements; A Mutual Agreement signed 1996, Cooperative Working Agreement, Operational Agreement, and an agreement to abide by Section 16-19. Brief discussion on agreements was held. Don added that within the Agreements, the SWCD agrees to follow USDA's (United States Department of Agriculture) Civil Rights. Discussion held.

Don mentioned that NRCS has been staying busy with planning and contracting work for EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program). Discussion held.

LCRWC (Lower Columbia River Watershed Council)

Randy expressed his concern that it seems like fish are no longer the driving force for the Watershed Councils like they used to be, and is concerned what that could mean for the Councils and their partnerships with SWCD's. Discussion held.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP):** Nathan explained that he has four more reports to complete for RCPP. He added that the RCPP plan is currently being revised at the State office and will then be sent on to the National team. He added that once it is approved at the National level, there will be one more public meeting regarding the plan.
- **Fox Creek:** Nathan explained that the City of Rainier emailed a copy of an Agreement written and signed by Kari in February 2016 between the City and the District. Nathan added that when the agreement was signed, the current issues were not present. Discussion was held. Nathan added that the Agreement is now terminated. The City was informed that if they would like the District to work at the capacity of the Board's recent motion, our attorney can draft a new agreement. Brief discussion held.
- **Financial Policy:** The Board received a copy of the CSWCD Financial Policies & Procedures and resolution at last month's meeting. Brief discussion held.

Motion: Eagle/VanNatta to approve the Financial Policies and Procedures. Discussion held. Bill withdrew the motion. **Motion withdrawn.**

Motion: Eagle/VanNatta to approve Resolution No. 18/19-005 to adopt Oregon's "A Guide for Public Officials" & "Financial Monitoring Policies." **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Registered Agent Resolution:** Discussion held. Randy asked if the District has a bond for the Registered Agent. Nathan believes it is covered under the insurance, but will look into it to ensure. Jason read the Registered Agent Resolution aloud to the Board.

Motion: Bergman/Eagle to approve Resolution No. 18/19-006 to update the Columbia SWCD designated registered agent to Jeff VanNatta. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Salary Table/Chart:** Discussed at last month's meeting but was tabled.

Motion: Eagle/VanNatta to authorize staff to organize a salary chart for the Board to review. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Banking/Visa:** Nathan explained that Malysa Legg is now on the checking/loan account for US Bank. There was difficulty in adding Malysa as an admin on the Visa account.

Discussion held. Randy would like to postpone the Visa discussion to later in the meeting.

- **Work Plan:** Nathan explained that only one minor change was made to the plan since the last copy was sent to the Board, the plan showed that the Annual meeting is held annually in December, but it is held in January.

Motion: Bergman/Freytag to approve the Work Plan. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **More Power Technology (MPT) Quote:** Nathan explained that the contract with MPT is ending. A handout of the quote breakdown was handed out. Nathan added that the proposed contract would be for three years. Bob asked if there is also a written contract with MPT, there is. Brief discussion held.

Motion: Eagle/VanNatta to approve renewing the contract with More Power Technology with the proposed quote. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Under Pressure Cleaning Quote:** A copy of the proposed quote was handed out. Nathan explained that the District has been checking quotes for local cleaning agencies and believes it would be beneficial to start working with Under Pressure. Discussion held. Bill added that this is already in the budget and doesn't believe the Board needs to approve it. Nathan reminded the Board that this would need a contract, so they wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.

Motion: VanNatta/Freytag to approve the proposed cleaning quote from Under Pressure. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **CRYC (Columbia River Youth Corps.):** The District has worked with the CRYC extensively in the past, but their field teacher resigned in March. Nathan explained that CRYC also works with the Tillamook Estuary, where they are housing plants that belong to the District. Nathan recommends that the District moves away from working with the CRYC for now, but the District needs somewhere to hold their plants. Nathan suggested building an area in the field near the District's garage to house the plants. Discussion held. The Board would like Nathan to research the cost for building an area for the plants.
- **Education Committee:** The District has been approached by a few of the young-aged (Preschool – 6th grade) schools for help to create a curriculum on Natural Resources. Nathan believes this is a great idea but would like to have a policy/guidelines in place before the program takes off. Debra volunteered to assist with a committee. Nathan suggested that the committee be Debra, Crystalyn Bush, and himself. Jason asked Nathan if the committee would be able to have materials together by next school year, Nathan believes that would be enough time.
- **New Cooperators:**
Duane Markham, Deer Island, 40 acres
Rebecca Thompson, Rainier
Alexis Jaquin, Vernonia, 8.5 acres

Motion: Bergman/Freytag to approve the New Cooperators. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.** Brief discussion held.

- **June's Meeting:** Jason informed the Board that he will be unable to make next month's meeting and is hopeful the date can be moved.

Motion: Eagle/Bergman to approve moving the Board Meeting and Budget Hearing to June 26. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board held an executive session to consult with Legal Counsel concerning rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h).

THE BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion: After Executive Session, there was a Motion by Bill Eagle to accept Kari Hollander's resignation as of June 1, 2019. The Motion was seconded by Jeff VanNatta and **carried unanimously**.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

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