

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Budget Committee:** Reminder that the Budget Committee Meeting will be held on 04/28/2016 at 6:30 PM. Discussion about quorum requirements was requested.

Motion to adjust agenda to put Kari's mid year review and board self evaluation at the end of the meeting. Pierce/VanNatta to approve. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Loan Refinance:** Discussion was held to refinance for 5 years, should be able to pay off in 5 years.
- **District Work Plan:** A copy of the district work plan was provided to the members. Read over plan and discussed staffing needs to accomplish the plan.

Motion to add a gravel parking lot to the work plan. Ellis/Pierce to approve. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Motion to approve the Work Plan as a working document. Bergman/VanNatta to approve. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **RCPP** (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) briefly discussed. Culverts 5&6 and Perkin's Creek LWD are getting installed Summer 2016. EWP projects were also discussed. The SWCD is considering working with neighboring districts to set up I.G.A. for Project Management. KC discussed finding local qualified individuals to bring in on contract instead of looking outside of the county. Kari stated with the amount of emergency work going on our local partners are already at capacity.
- **Fair Ag Building - Sponsorship:** Kari proposed the idea of the district sponsoring the Columbia County Fairgrounds Ag Building. It was discussed that the bids are for rough 60 X 60 concrete pad. There is a grant from Rural Development to cover 35%-55% of the costs. It was suggested to also try fundraising during the District Celebration this year. Having a quote on the 60 X 60 slab is \$25,000. Randy asked about what kind of guarantee the SWCD would get that the building wouldn't be torn out. Kari explained the plan for all the grounds, and that there are no plans to remove any buildings only to improve them at the fairgrounds. The First Saturday of the month the Grange serves breakfast at the Fairgrounds. Lona suggested that the SWCD solicit additional funders.
Motion to pursue grant from Rural Development. VanNatta/Ellis to approve. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **May Board Meeting:** Discussion was held regarding next month's board meeting. There will not be enough members present for a quorum. **Motion** Pierce/Ellis to approve canceling the May Board Meeting. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **July Board Meeting/SDAO Board Assessment:** The SDAO offers a board assessment program. It would require an additional 90 minute meeting. It would be considered Board Training.
Tabled until a later date.
- **OACD Dues:** Not to be paid tonight, Randy explained OACD New Meeting/Conference schedule. Bill proposed for discussion that CSWCD not pay dues this year. This will allow the SWCD Board to express their displeasure with the direction of OACD. Randy said that the OACD is hurting due to the lack of participation of some districts and feels OACD has lost relationship with NRCS as well. KC proposed that the CSWCD not pay dues and send a letter explaining the displeasure. Randy suggested that Bill draft a letter to bring to June's Board Meeting.
- **Staffing Needs:** Kari requested to hire a third resource Conservationist to focus on the Nehalem area.

(Recess at 8:30 PM, call to order at 8:45 PM)

Motion: VanNatta/ Pierce to approve hire of 3rd RC. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Request from SBWC:** Lonny explained the requests. Board discussed different approaches to Purple Loosestrife. **Motion:** Bergman/Pierce to approve funding request for Water Quality monitoring and treatment of purple loosestrife. The board will require a report on WQ for years 08, 10, 15, 16 and photos of PurpleLoosestrife Control. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Board evaluation and Kari's mid- Year review Lona stated that It is getting late and we still have reports to go through. **Motion:** Pierce/Ellis to adjust the agenda due to time. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

REPORTS

DON

Discussed how Angie has been a great asset. Programs are EQIP, 2CIS are CWTD and Forest Diversity. Both have been somewhat successful. 16 applications and 4 Creps up for renewal. 8 CSP, 2 WRP. Carbon Market RCPP (4 new applications) and new RCPP has huge work potential. Don also mentioned the vandalism and the Board discussed options. Randy mentioned that he went to a landowner's place and counted 17 Columbian WTD.

BOARD

Randy stated that the current issue of the DIRT is the best ever. Craig mentioned that he really enjoyed the meeting in Salem for the Batwater Land Board Award. Bill also enjoyed the meeting in Salem. Kari volunteered Bill for a video for art commission fundraiser "Salmon- Tree life cycle" Should be completed soon.

KARI

Mentioned that the Weeds Outreach has been very successful. Also discussed the IGA for Yamhill and NRCS for Cultural resource review and contracting.

TYLER

Notified Board about joining Lower Columbia Engineering and leaving SWCD. Tyler thanked the Board for the opportunities he was given within the district.

SBWC

Lonny discussed the Native Plant Sale that was held on April 9th at the Scappoose Watershed. He stated that the sale made about \$3,000.00

LCRWC

Margaret proposed to the board the idea of volunteering this Earth Day with FFC for clean up. She also mentioned the Water Rights Workshop being held 04/27.

-Tyler Left at 9:30-

Board Assessment – KC stated that it looks like he thought it would, further discussion about SDAO board assessment. The interest was not there to move forward with that at this time, may look into at a later date.

Kari's mid year review – Reviewed list from last year's annual review.

Craig/Lona moved to adjourn meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

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