



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**REPORTS**

- **NRCS**

Hannah explained that NRCS is currently interviewing for the small farms/organics position, and is hopeful the position will be filled by the end of the week. She also mentioned that the lease for NRCS using the building is coming to a close soon, adding that someone will be reaching out to the District soon to discuss. Hannah also explained that she has been reaching out to local producers to host future farm tours/outreach events in partnership with the District's education and volunteer programs. Brief discussion held.

- **Lower Columbia River Watershed Council (LCRWC)**

Malyssa explained that the council has hired a new coordinator. Bill mentioned that he would like to see the council become a 501(c)(3). Discussion was held.

- **SWCD Staff**

-Selene provided a brief project update, mentioning that an appraiser has been contracted for Carr Slough Phase 1, which should initiate this summer. She added that the Perkins Creek project remains on schedule and the Clatskanie PUD project is close to finishing. Jeff asked about work on the Little Clatskanie River. Brief discussion was held.

Selene also gave a presentation over Carr Slough Phase 1. All project permits are in-hand and the in-water work period begins July 15. Discussion held.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **2022 Election:** Malyssa explained that Sonia (Zone 1), Jeff (Zone 3), Deb (At-Large 2) and Zone 5 are up for election this fall. Brief discussion was had.
- **Lawyer:** The District is actively looking to hire new legal counsel. Malyssa mentioned that she will contact SDAO (Special Districts Association of Oregon) for recommendations. Brief discussion held.
- **Annual Work Plan:** The work plan was reviewed at a recent staff meeting and minor edits were made. The revised copy was given to the Board for review. Discussion held.

**Motion: Eagle/VanNatta** to approve the Columbia SWCD Annual Work Plan for 2022-2023.

**Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Contracts:** The contracts were explained and presented to the Board.  
Professional Services contract for Carr Slough Phase 1 with Waterways Consulting for \$26,022.10  
Professional Services contract for Water Quality Monitoring Program with Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership for \$35,000.00.  
Brief discussion held.

**Motion: Eagle/VanNatta** to approve both of the Professional Services contracts as presented.

**Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**REPORTS (cont.)****BOARD**

-Jason explained that the Nehalem Valley has been very wet recently. He is hopeful that the hay fields will be cut soon. Brief discussion held.

-Jeff is planning to have a presentation at the Ag building during the upcoming Fair. He would like to demonstrate a paperpot planter. Discussion was held.

-No other Board reports.

***Eagle/VanNatta moved to adjourn meeting***

***MEETING ADJOURNED 5:34 PM***

Respectfully Submitted by: *Jennifer Chavez*

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