

REPORTS

NRCS

Don explained that he has mostly been working on contracts. He added that most are completed with just a few that are behind. He mentioned that a couple NRCS employees from Eastern Oregon came to the office earlier this week for routine work.

Brief discussion was held regarding the Farm Service Agency. Don mentioned that the agency used to be grouped with forestry but is now within conservation. He added that he would like to see the Agency lean toward productivity.

Don also mentioned that the workload is slowing down due to the season changing and discussed their new engineer's position with NRCS.

Randy asked Don if he knew why there has not been any NRCS offices present within the Tide gate/water control construction discussions, specifically within Coos and Curry County. Don said that the SWCD office from Douglas County discussed getting involved but that they may have been turned away. Brief discussion held. Don added that he believes the project could qualify for RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program). Kari explained the PL-566 (the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program) to the Board and that a Watershed Council could possibly help. Discussion continued.

Don informed the Board that the signups for the EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and RCPP are up. The first sign up ends November 17.

LCRWC

A copy of the LCRWC Coordinator report was given to the Board. KC reviewed the report and added that Jenny Dezso with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership was present at the meeting. He said there was a long discussion held regarding changing the construction on Bergman's hole. He added that he believes the elevation for the construction was picked for a reason but that LCEP wants to change it. Randy added that the piling needed will be in excess of 110 feet. Brief discussion held.

SBWC

Lona mentioned that she has not volunteered with SBWC in a while but that they had their Native Plant Sale last Saturday and that it went well. Kari added that the Strategic Action Plan meeting with ODFW and the District was yesterday and that there is a nice set up so far. She believes it will be ready within four to five months.

UNWC

Kari informed the Board that the monitoring the District was assisting with turned out nicely. She also added that the Coastal Coho plan is being finalized. Kari also mentioned that the District has been approved for a project in the area through OWEB and NOAA. Brief discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS

- **EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) - Rainier:** Kari stated that the District has still not been paid by the city of Rainier. She called Monday and emailed Tuesday but did not receive a response until this morning. She was informed that she would be called when the check has been signed. Kari never received a call. She will be heading into their office tomorrow morning.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NNFS (National Network of Fiscal Sponsors):** A handout was given to the Board regarding NNFS Membership. Kari explained that the District is currently the Fiscal Sponsor for the Watershed Councils and that OWEB has interpreted that this is wrong. Kari would like to become a member with NNFS to learn more information and to build relationships with other fiscal sponsors. She also would like to encourage the NNFS to attend the OACD

and Connect conferences to teach classes about Districts being sponsors. Brief discussion was held.

Motion: VanNatta/Freytag to approve NNFS Membership. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **NASCA/NWC Conservation Conference (National Association of State Conservation Agencies/National Watershed Coalition):** Kari discussed her recent trip to Denver, CO for the NASCA/NWC Conference. She explained that her first presentation went really well and believes it was refreshing to have a newer topic at the conference. She added that many District Conservationists with NRCS attended. Brief discussion held. Kari also explained that she enjoyed speaking with other “heads” of agriculture from around the country and that it was very eye opening. Kari informed the Board that this conference occurs every other year and that the next will be in Portland, OR. She said that she has requested one of the tours be in Columbia County.
- **Updated MOU for all Watershed Councils:** Kari explained to the Board that the three watershed councils (SBWC, LCRWC, and UNWC) and the District will be getting together to discuss updating the MOU and to update the Fiscal Agent Agreement. She added that there would be something for the Watershed Council’s to discuss at their next Board Meetings.

Lona left at 8:00 PM

- **OACD Strategic Plan:** A handout was given to the Board for the OACD Strategic Planning Survey. Randy explained that OACD does not have an executive director right now. He mentioned that they are struggling with the OACD Plan and Farm Succession Workshops. Randy added that there are some great planners willing to help write the plan but that he is unsure what will happen. He believes OACD only has enough funds to hire someone part-time but they are being told they need to have a full-time employee. Discussion was held.
- **Farm Succession Workshops:** Kari asked Randy if he believes that this workshop would be beneficial to Columbia County. He does not believe it would be as worth it to Columbia County as it would be for Grant or Wheeler County. He added that if any citizens from Columbia County were interested they could still attend a workshop that is held in another county. Kari informed that she would contact Tualatin SWCD in hopes they will invite the CSWCD if they ever hold more workshops. Brief discussion held.
- **Grant Updates:** Kari gave a brief update to the Board. She stated that the project on Rock Creek (Calhoun Project) has been approved and the Johnson project on the Nehalem is awaiting approval. The District is also applying for a grant for Dribble Creek in Clatskanie where they plan to decommission the road, remove the culvert and add large wood for fish passage. The District is also applying for Technical Assistance grants on two culverts in Clatskanie on Apiary Road. Kari also explained that the District would be applying for a TA grant for the Kitchin project where they plan to add large wood and do some channel work and will possibly be working with neighbors also. Brief discussion held.

REPORTS (Cont.)

BOARD

-Bill mentioned that he would be attending the Cocktails and Commerce tomorrow evening and will be attending the Coffee and Commerce meeting next week. He asked if the District had any handouts he could bring to the meetings. Kari recommended that Bill let them know that the Annual Report and Calendar will be coming out soon.

-KC informed the Board that his bridge is finished. He also explained that some logging had been done near his property and that they were using a new type of machine. He said that they logged nearly 5-6 acres within 2 days with the machine. Discussion held.

Approved 11.15.17

-Randy attended the West Multnomah annual meeting about a week ago. He added that it was a little weird attending the meeting because he can remember attending the meetings nearly 40 years ago. He said that it was a good meeting and that they discussed their projects on the hillside of Forest Park and the Creek near Cornelius Pass Road, where Randy said a lot of work had been done. He said that they also discussed their project updates such as pollinator workshops, trying to kill ivy, and more. They are also working to clean up the Multnomah Slough near the airport. Brief discussion held.

STAFF

Kari provided the Board with a Draft copy of a NRCS article about the District regarding EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection). She added that she was given the OK to share the article with the Board but there will be a video released before the article and asked that the Board not share the article until it has been published. Discussion was held.

VanNatta/Bergman moved to adjourn meeting
MEETING ADJOURNED 8:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

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