

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Oath of newly elected directors:** Lona Pierce and Craig Ellis were sworn in by Bill Eagle.
- **Budget Committee:** A proposed list of budget committee members was passed out to the board. **Motion** Bergman/Ellis to approve budget committee as listed. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**
- **Budget Calendar:** A proposed budget calendar was passed out to the board. **Motion** Busch/Pierce to approve budget calendar as listed. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote** The budget committee meeting will be on 05/07/15 at 6:00 PM. Jason advised that he will not be able to attend that day unless it rains.
- **Plumbing Issue:** 2 weeks ago the downstairs toilets weren't flushing properly. Plumber came out and made some adjustments and everything seemed to be working fine. That next Sunday a 4H group was using the meeting room and sewage started coming up the drain in the kitchen. Plumber came on Monday morning and then the cleaners came that afternoon to sanitize the downstairs areas. Plumber found the back flow valve not screwed down tight and had twisted sideways. They snaked all the drains and tightened the valve. They also recommended replacing the low flow toilet downstairs. Kari is contacting Mike Smith, they original plumber on the remodel, to see if it's a design flaw and to see what his recommendations are. Randy asked if the valve was brass or plastic. It is plastic. City also came out to verify it wasn't their problem. Once Kari hears back from Mike she will update the board. Randy thinks we should replace the valve with a brass one. Has Al been contacted? No.
- **SBWC:** Lona volunteers at their nursery weekly. They have requested that she facilitate setting up a meeting between their staff and our staff. They want to get a better understating of what we have going on. KC mentioned they could read our minutes and Randy suggested they could come our board meetings. Kari mentioned that Tyler is working with them on weeds and they are aware of our WTS grant focus area being Milton Creek. Jason would have appreciated that they come to a board meeting to make that request themselves. **Motion** VanNatta/Pierce to provide board meeting materials to the coordinator and chair before each meeting. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**
- **Policy Committee:** Reviewing policies can take a lot of time and board meetings aren't always the best place to do so it would be good to have 1-3 board members along with Kari and Malysa on a committee. The committee will review and bring to the board for approval. Lona, Craig, and Bill offered to be on the committee.
- **2015 Summer Project Update:** The 3 major projects for this summer are Batwater, Clatskanie Culvert #4, and the Clatskanie Floodplain tidal reconnect. Randy asked about rock pile on the property line and Tyler asked that after the meeting if Randy could show him on the plan set. There will also be spraying for Garlic Mustard on Scappoose Creek late April. A grant for Knotweed has been approved and it will pay for survey and treatment countywide.
- **CTE Program:** Initial grant coming to an end next month. Kari will help them with the close out. 2 small acreage farmers want to help teach about real farming. One is even interested in hiring

a few kids as interns. Four field days are being planned. Chip brought up tractor certification for teenagers. Kari will get in contact with them to see if they can get on the calendar for this year. Lona mentioned this would be a good item for a newspaper article. About 20% of the plants we need this summer for projects we hope to get from the Rainier greenhouse. Jason asked who does planting plans for the projects. Usually Nathan or Tyler.

- **OWEB FIP:** Margaret attended the OWEB meeting today. A handout with the all the information was passed out to the board. Lisa from Tillamook Estuary Partnership suggested that estuaries be one of their habitats since they are focusing on habitats and not species. There will be more talk about it at the April OWEB meeting. They will be multiyear grants worth several million dollars and used to complete large scale focus projects. Bill asked if we fit into any of the areas. Native fish. Not sure worth it this year will take quite a bit of work to put together. It leaves a lot of SWCDs and WCs out because they don't have the staff and time to put these big proposals together. We will still have regular project grants to apply for. Would be nice if more of the money was used for private property and not state and federal lands. In April final decisions will be made of the FIP areas. More information is available on the OWEB website. Bill asked if it was worth the time to go to the meetings. Yes, good to see and be seen.
- **Coastal Coho Action Plan:** Info packet given to board. Maggie emailed Kari a few weeks ago about a meeting to talk about the plan. Kari attended the meeting. The goal of the project is to and effort to accelerate the recovery of Oregon's coastal coho salmon by addressing factors that have contributed to their decline through a science-driven, locally supported approach. ODA is not involved. NRCS technology team is now involved too and will be providing GIS data. 12-16 month process to build the plan. The end of this month Tyler will be attending the 2 day tech meeting in Newport. Randy mentioned that this was all done 8 or 9 years ago and this seems like a lot of work to reinvent the wheel. Kari mentioned that it is still important to be involved in meetings and know what is going on and that we are the voice of the landowners. We need to make sure the needs of the people are met.

(Randy Bergman left at 9:04)

- **Business Plan:** Kari proposed that we start the April meeting at 5:30 with a dinner to work more on the business plan. **Motion** Pierce/Ellis to start meeting at 5:30. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

NEW COOPERATORS

Gerald Eichner, Clatskanie 34 acres

Bruce Olson, Clatskanie 55 acres

Andrew Park, Clatskanie 17 acres

Renee Oberdorf, Warren 1 acre Motion VanNatta/Pierce to approve new cooperators

Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote

REPORTS

NRCS

Don is working on funding EQIP and should be able to approve 12 of the 19 applicants. Had the Quality Assurance Review. Two and a half days of interviews and field tours. Everything went well. Craig came in and was interviewed and that went good. Rosalyn the basin engineer is moving to the state office to take a new position with the WRP team. We will have assistance from the new basin engineers in Hillsboro and Salem.

CRAIG

Tyler has helped at a few of the Scappoose Drainage District meetings. It came up at the NRCS Quality Review that they might be able to partner to help with levy certification.

BILL

Craig and he attended the ODA training in Astoria. Been to dozens of trainings and it was not a waste of time. Always come away with something new. Plus it's nice to get information from other board members. Gave a talk for the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists. It was about historic Oregon dunes and it went well. It included a presentation and tour.

KARI

Report in packet. Some highlights are working on budget, business plan and virtual tour. The Google apps calendar will be going live soon. Our new website is live. We will be meeting with the developer in a few weeks to go over how to add information.

NATHAN

Went out with ODA on a compliance site visit on Tide Creek. Talked with ODA about grazing on dikes. It can be done as long as flash grazing. An LDS permit came to us for comments. A man in Vernonia wants to build a campsite area. When we looked it up the area that he wants to build in is a wetland. We gave the information to LDS. They questioned where we got our information from. We got it from a shape file from DSL. There is a possibility that ODFW will be shutting down goose check stations in the Willamette Valley. This could increase the problems farmers already have with geese.

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:07

Respectfully Submitted:

Malysa Page

Malysa Page, District Clerk