

REPORTS

LCRWC

KC informed the Board that the Council Coordinator turned in her resignation at last night's Council Board Meeting and that they are now in the process of finding a replacement. He also explained that they hired the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils in hopes of tracking the Council's finances better. Marilyn added that she believes most of the council members thought they could be a point of outreach for the SWCD and to find projects that the Council and District could partner on. Discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS

- **EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) – Staff Bonuses:** Kari reminded the Board that she had requested staff bonuses at August's Board Meeting, for the work put in to the RCPP projects, that was tabled until November. Kari stated she would like to reward staff with a \$1,000 bonus each.

Motion: Bergman/Freytag to approve staff bonuses. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program):** Kari informed the Board that when she attended the Network of Watershed Councils conference in Nebraska in September that she was informed her interview would be filmed for an NRCS short film. Kari added that NRCS chose to make a spotlight video of our program in this short film that was released early last week. Kari played the video for the Board and added that it has been published to the District's Facebook page and website. Brief discussion was held. Randy mentioned that there have been issues with the sage grouse RCPP program. He explained that NRCS has strong privacy agreements with landowners and has denied other federal agencies to access paper work.
- **Coastal Coho – Nehalem:** Brief discussion was held. Kari added that there are multiple partners in this project, such as ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), Wild Salmon Center, OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board), and more. They are planning to find the best locations for Coastal Coho habitat in the watershed for restoration. Monica has attended several meetings and spent over 40 hours on the monitoring section of the plan and with the UNWC working on their NCAP within the last year. The team has about 7 spots in the Nehalem in mind such as some side channels and at the North fork. Discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS

- **New Cooperators:**
Mark Cooney, Portland, 18.7 acres
Nature's Acres Farm, LLC, Portland, 86 acres

Motion: VanNatta/Freytag to approve New Cooperators. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

- **Audit:** Kari informed the board that all fieldwork is completed and the Audit should be finished by December. She added that the single audit required due to the amount of federal funding received this past year may be delayed into January. Brief discussion held.
- **SDAO (Special Districts Association of Oregon) Board Assessment:** An SDAO hand out was given to the Board. Kari stated that the Board has not done an assessment in quite a while and would like to schedule an assessment for February's Board Meeting. Brief Discussion held.

- **High School Programs:** Kari informed the Board that Rainier's FFA program took first place last week in Beginning Ag Sales at the Ag Sales Career Development Event in Tillamook. She also mentioned Clatskanie's Forestry team has received permission from a land owner on Conyer's Creek to begin working on their property with monitoring, noxious weeds, inventory, restoration, etc. and they hope to receive permission from more landowner's to work further up the creek. Randy added that there is a lot of reed canary grass along the creek. Kari added that the Technical Staff from NRCS' state office are excited about this project and will be helping the students. The forestry team will also be working with local foresters and are currently building and selling sheds. CRYC is also hoping to expand. Kari is connecting the CRYC staff with the Oregon Dept. of Education team who works with Natural Resource Education.
- **Outreach and Marketing:** The District is interested in having more marketing items available to the public. Kari mentioned that the District has a Columbia Pacific Food Bank barrel at the office and that staff have discussed the option of giving away items in return for canned food. Kari asked if the Board would be interested in the District moving forward or if they have additional ideas. They liked the idea. Randy mentioned that we could become a permanent drop-off location for CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture). Discussion was held.
- **Noxious Weeds Program:** The District recently completed Japanese Knotweed treatment within the county. Crystalyn Bush is currently working with Amber from the SBWC in surveying creeks within the county. They have been through Scappoose Creek, Milton Creek, and Merrill Creek so far. They are planning to survey McNulty, Beaver and Conyers creek also. Kari explained that both the Knotweed and Garlic Mustard treatments went well. Crystalyn is applying for three grants in hopes of continuing treatment in the county. Glenn Miller with ODA (Oregon Department of Agriculture) has been in contact with Crystalyn and has informed her to treat areas for knotweed every other year. The District will plan to work in different areas of the county next year. They would also like to replace the treated areas with native plants. Discussion was held.
- **Water Conservation Protection Committee:** Kari informed the Board that the committee will be meeting after the first of the year. She explained that Margaret met with the Committee's coordinator to discuss possible ground water studies and mapping that the District is interested in doing. There currently isn't enough funding for studies and mapping, only development but Kari believes the commissioner's will set aside funds for this in next year's budget.
- **OACD (Strategic Planning Committee and ED Hiring):** Randy informed the Board that there are four candidates being interviewed for the new Executive Director position. He added that the new ED will be going from basin to basin to introduce himself once hired but believes the Board/District will need to go to Astoria if they would like to meet the new ED. Randy also mentioned that phase 1 of OACD's strategic plan has been completed.
- **Updating Business Plan:** Kari believes the current business plan has been going well but she would like to begin reviewing it after the first of the year and update as needed. Brief discussion held.

REPORTS (Cont.)

BOARD

-KC informed the Board that he has received two requests for timber within the last month. One request was for 105 pieces of 6' diameter root wads, but he doesn't think he will bid on it. He also mentioned that he has been selling a lot of Hemlock lately. Randy believes there should be an alternative for large wood debris. Discussion held.

-Randy informed the Board that there is a Tide Gate Meeting scheduled on December 15 (handout given to Board). Discussion held regarding the current Tide Gate issues.

-Craig recently returned from Germany. He explained that German's grape harvest started August 27 this year, which is earlier than normal due to the dryer season. He also added that Oktoberfest was great and a lot of fun. He will be leaving in four weeks to return to Germany for 45 days.

STAFF

Kari informed the Board that she will not be at next month's meeting and will be out of the office from December 13 until January 2. Malyssa, Assistant District Manager, will be attending next month's meeting.

Bergman/VanNatta moved to adjourn meeting
MEETING ADJOURNED 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

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