



**Minutes of the
Columbia SWCD Board of Directors
Meeting January 20, 2021**

Directors Present:

Jason Busch, Chair
Debra Brimacombe, Director
Jeff Van Natta, Treasurer
Bill Eagle, Secretary
Dave Freytag, Director (via Zoom)

Other:

Sonia Reagan, OSU (via Zoom)

SBWC:

Dana Pricher, Council Coordinator
Emily Martin, Restoration Projects
Manager

SWCD Staff:

Nathan Herr, District Manager
Jennifer Chavez, Outreach
Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER OF ANNUAL MEETING: 4:01 PM

- **Annual Report and Audit:** The Board received a copy of the 2019-2020 Annual Report and a copy of the Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Deb asked about the comments in the Financial Highlights. Brief discussion was held.

Motion: Eagle/Van Natta to accept the Annual Report and audit. **Approved motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Motion: Eagle/ Van Natta to approve closing the Annual Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 4:10 PM

- **Oath of Office for Newly Elected Directors:** Jason Busch administered the oath of office to Dave Freytag, Bill Eagle, and himself.

- **Election of Officers:**

- Jason called for nominations for Secretary. Jeff nominated Bill as Secretary.

Motion: Jason cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Eagle to be Secretary. **Motion Approved.**

- Jason called for nominations for Treasurer. Bill nominated Jeff.

Motion: Jason cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Van Natta to be Treasurer. **Motion Approved.**

- Jason called for nominations for Vice Chair. Bill nominated Debra for Vice Chair.

Motion: Jason cast a unanimous ballot for Debra Brimacombe to be Vice Chair. **Motion Approved.**

- Jason called for nominations for Chair. Bill and Jeff nominated Jason as Chairman.

Motion: Jason cast a unanimous ballot for himself to be Chairman. **Motion Approved.**

Prior Month's Minutes: Bill mentioned that he would like to receive the minutes sooner.

Motion Brimacombe/Eagle to approve the Minutes from 12-16-20. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **RCPP (Regional Conservation Protection Plan):** Nathan explained that there are new complications arising. An environmental assessment (EA) was completed to meet the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for all projects under the RCPP however, the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) has a specific document to be completed for each individual project which is causing a delay on the fish passage project. Discussion was held.
- **Zone 1/5 Vacancy:** Nathan explained that Sonia is interested in joining the Board as the Zone 1 director. Sonia introduced herself and expressed her interests in natural resources and joining the SWCD Board, as well as her friendship with Randy Bergman. Discussion was held.

Motion: Eagle/Van Natta to appoint Sonia as the Zone 1 Director. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Nathan added that there is a virtual Board and new Director training in early February for anyone interested.

NEW BUSINESS

- **COVID-19 Emergency Leave Policy Extension:** Nathan explained that the previous policy expired today and the extension is to March 31.

Motion: Eagle/Brimacombe to approve extending the Leave Policy through March 31, 2021.

Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Perkins Creek:** Nathan provided an update on this fish passage project in Clatskanie. The old culvert was placed to force the creek to move at a right angle at Olson Road which has caused numerous flooding events across the road. He explained that there was a meeting with the partners last Monday to discuss solutions, but that there are many difficulties. Discussion was held. Bill recommended speaking with the commissioners. Brief discussion.

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-Jeff mentioned that he had surgery a few weeks ago and is looking forward to his upcoming vacation. Brief discussion held.

-Deb provided a brief update on the Dalton Lake project, mentioning that there are currently mosquitofish in the lake that she believes is of concern if the lake is opened for salmon access. Brief discussion held.

Eagle/Brimacombe moved to adjourn meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Chavez

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