



Lona asked if she could make a motion to amend June's minutes. She listened to the recording because there were some discrepancies between the minutes she took and what Kari had wrote in the minutes. In the section about SBWC requesting money the minutes showed that KC requested that they table the issue till they had an audit submitted. It should say till they have a plan for an audit submitted. **Motion** Pierce/Ellis to approve change in minutes for June from submit audit to submit plan for audit. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry shared with the board what is going on with OACD. The Conservation Gathering is scheduled for 11/02-11/04 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. NRCS is sending people this year. The information about topics of discussion can be found at the OACD website. Regional Conversations were canceled. Not a lot of interest. The one in Portland was well attended though. Wanted to be able to give Districts a good opportunity to have frank discussions with agency folks. They weren't really interested. Have talked about holding them every other year instead. Tough to get agencies to realize that everything is not going as well on the ground level as they think it is. Margaret agrees with this. KC mentioned that if you're a watershed council and not a 501c3 it's like you don't exist. Jerry mentioned that OWEB wants councils to have the same accountability as districts. Randy talked about how district boards are elected officials so they are held accountable by the public. Councils are only accountable to OWEB because they are volunteers. Jerry mentioned that in some areas Districts are stronger and in some areas Councils are stronger. Jerry talked about how NRCS is going away from single operation agreements. They are looking to do a multi use agreement. OACD will be looking for feedback from Districts and would like representation from our area on the committee. Sage Grouse is taking up a lot of his time right now. 7 districts in 6 counties. Lots of prime habitat is on fire right now.

Margaret let the board know that she will be running for County Commissioner. Earl Fisher is leaving. The primary will be May 2016.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **OACD dues: Motion** Bergman/VanNatta to approve dues of \$5,000. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**
- **Regional Conversations Canceled:** Was scheduled for 08/25. Updated board that it had been canceled.
- **RCPP/FIP:** Tyler informed the board that we should know by 09/04 if we are invited to do a full grant proposal for the RCPP. If we do get invited Jerry/OACD has offered to help us get a letter of support from OWEB. KC brought up that there needs to be some education on large woody debris projects. Tyler told him he would be talking with RRNW about it. Problem is people in the agencies are too far gone from the field.
- **SBWC:** The board was invited by SBWC to their September board meeting (09/01/15 at 7 PM). Bill wasn't happy that the staff was also not invited. Lona mentioned that was by design, they just wanted the board to come. Tyler cautioned that it would probably be best that if the board does plan on attending, that no more than 3 of them go to keep it under a quorum to avoid public meeting laws.
- **Kari's Evaluation:** Postponed till September due to Kari being out of town on a family emergency.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **SDAO Networking Opportunity:** On 08/25 from 9-11 am at the Columbia River PUD office. If you are interested in going please let Malysa know of you can register from the link in the email that was sent out. Bill will be going.
- **Groundwater Study:** Bill mentioned he talked with Todd Dugdale about it and he's excited. Discussion about too many people and not enough water in the Warren area. Lona talked about when there was a fire and she noticed it took away from her water. Randy talked about near his area. 60 acre clear cut and ground temps averaging 134.6 degrees. Discussion about how we take logs off the hillsides. Disturbing more area now. We know that there is a lack of water in the Nehalem area. Clatskanie mountain area supports multiple districts. Would like to get PSU involved and start discussion with them about it. If we look to commit a certain amount of funds per year towards groundwater research we can use that as match to try to get other funds. **Motion** Bergman/Freytag to approve Tyler going forward to develop a continuing groundwater study program. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.** Randy mentioned we should also implement conservation practices to hold water and not have flashing runoff. Educate people of proper storage. Tyler asked who would be interested on being on the committee. It would probably be once a month and a daytime meeting. Randy and Bill would.
- **OACD Conference:** Who is going? Bill plans to attend. Lona might go. Craig, Dave and KC will be out of town. Registration is open now. Rooms have been reserved.
- **Meeting with Rachel from Brad Witt's Office:** Rachel is the chief of staff for Brad Witt. Kari and Tyler met with her last week. It was a good meeting. Talked about what SWCDs do. How we are funded. Good talk about FEMA regulations.
- **Project Updates:** Batwater going great. Lots of good press. More press to come. On Clatskanie Floodplain, Tyler is meeting with Aquatic tomorrow morning to coordinate project. On the Clatskanie Culverts Tyler is also meeting tomorrow with Kynsi, Margaret and the Engineer. Can't start on that one till after 08/29 due to Hood to Coast. Have to be done by 09/15. Major concern right now is fire damage. Investigation project extensions just in case.
- **New Cooperator:** Terry Riggs, St. Helens, 25.6 acres **Motion** Bergman/VanNatta to approve cooperator. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**

**REPORTS****CRAIG**

Still negotiating with the engineer for the drainage study for the Scappoose Drainage District.

**LONA**

Attending Oak Mapping Training tomorrow night. Continuing research on cavity nesters. Can we make Purple loosestrife a priority weed? Tyler talked about how there are 5 bio controls for it and per his opinion we should handle it on a project to project basis. Has

seen bug damage, which is a good sign. Is a seasonal thing. Keep an eye on it and notify us as you see it. CRYC did hand pull some at the marina at Scappoose Bay.

**MARGARET/LCRWC**

*(Report in packet)* Batwater going great. Meeting soon with Cody from The Clatskanie Chief about the project.

*Bergman/Ellis moved to adjourn meeting*

**MEETING ADJOURNED 9:23PM**

Respectfully Submitted:

*Malysa Legg*

Malysa Legg, District Clerk