



**Columbia
Soil & Water
Conservation District**

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**Minutes of the
Columbia SWCD Board of Directors
Meeting January 19, 2022**

Directors Present:

Jason Busch, Chair
Debra Brimacombe, Vice Chair
(via Zoom)
Bill Eagle, Secretary
Sonia Reagan, Director
Jeff VanNatta, Treasurer (via
Zoom)

Directors Absent:

Dave Freytag, Director

Associate Director:

Michael Calhoun (via Zoom)

SWCD Staff:

Nathan Herr, District Manager
Malyssa Legg, Financial Manager
Crystalyn Bush, Resource Conservationist
Selene Keeney, Sr. Resource Conservationist
Amber Kester, Riparian Specialist

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
(NRCS):**

Hannah Isaacs, District Conservationist

Public:

Lilli, LCE
Claudia Eagle

CALL TO ORDER OF ANNUAL MEETING: 4:00 PM

Annual Report: A copy of the annual report was given to the board. Discussion was had about who receives the report. Board was impressed by the quality of the report this year. Lots of kudos to Jenn. **Motion** Eagle/Reagan to accept annual report **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjourn Annual Meeting: 4:09 PM

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 4:09 PM

Election of Officers: **Motion** Eagle/VanNatta to cast a unanimous vote to maintain the current slate of elected officers as they stand **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- Jason Busch – Chairman
- Debra Brimacombe– Vice-Chair
- Jeff VanNatta – Treasurer
- Bill Eagle – Secretary

Prior Month's Minutes: **Motion** Reagan/Eagle to approve the Minutes from 11-17-21. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Financial Report: **Motion** VanNatta/Eagle to accept financial Report from 11-30-21 & 12-31-21. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

APPROVED 02.16.22

- **UNWC**

Michael let everyone know that their next meeting will be next Thursday. They have been discussing what to do for their 25th anniversary celebration. It will be at Salmon Festival and more details will follow.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Audit Update:** An extension was filed due to the auditor and the whole company that is doing our audit was out with COVID for a few months. They are working to get it done ASAP.
- **RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program):** Nathan advised that all documents have been sent in for the amendment to add Carr Slough. Hopefully will go quickly.
- **Port Westward Public Hearing:** Nathan listened to the hearing discussion had by board and Nathan on how we would defer to DSL on this.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Carr Slough Phase 2:** Selene presented to the board regarding the potential acquisition of 100 acres area of Carr Slough. **Discussed acquisition through OWEB grant. Discussed could we just purchase if on our own with a loan? Nathan said to think about things and to call him or Selene with any questions.**

Eagle/ Reagan moved to adjourn meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: *Malysa Legg*

Malysa Legg, Financial Manager