

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

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

Don informed the board that Gail Stinnett with FSA (Farm Service Agency) has retired, FSA currently has a temp. filling in the Executive Director position. Don also stated that he has received 30 EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) applications, with 23 getting funding. He mentioned that 18 of the applications were of historically underserved farmers, adding that 6 of the 23 approved for funding were women, which he finds as a positive. Don also explained that he is proud of the Forestry Diversity Program that ended in the Clatskanie area earlier this year. He added that there were about 100 Forest Management Plans and about 60 implementation plans created in the program's area. The Forest Diversity Program will now be offered in the Milton Creek to Scappoose area.

Randy believes Paul Nys would be a great landowner to hold a seminar for new farmers to get their business set up. Discussion was held.

Jeff asked if there has been interest in biochar. Don hasn't had many inquiries, but the Tualatin SWCD is putting on a seminar. Brief discussion held.

LCRWC (Lower Columbia River Watershed Council)

Randy explained that the council met last night. There was a presentation given by Chip Bubl and Allan Whiting on Invasive Species. Discussion was held. Discussion regarding a potential project on Conyers Creek was also had.

UNWC (Upper Nehalem Watershed Council)

Jason mentioned that the council has their board meeting next week, adding that Maggie is currently out of the office for a few weeks.

Jason also discussed a news article he read regarding the draining of Fishhawk Lake. Discussion held.

OLD BUSINESS

- **District Manager Recruitment:** Nathan explained that Malyssa has only received one completed application so far. She has received many email inquiries, but has had to respond to inform them that their application packets are incomplete. Nathan added that the deadline is still 6 weeks out. Brief discussion held.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Watershed Plan Agreement (RCPP):** A copy of the agreement was given to the board. Nathan explained that once approved, the plan can be completed. He added that the resolution states approval with no substantial changes. Brief discussion held. Jason read the resolution aloud to the board.

Motion: Eagle/VanNatta to approve Resolution No. 19/20-003. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Brief discussion was held.

REPORTS**BOARD**

-Bill explained that the Chamber of Commerce has a new Executive Director, Chrissy Marquardt. He added that the chamber is now having the Coffee and Commerce meetings again. Brief discussion held.

-Jason discussed a piece of property in the Mist area that he believes was meant to be a hemp farm that was shut down a few months ago. Discussion held.

-Jeff began a discussion regarding a splash dam on Milton Creek that he believes could be a potential project, adding that he would like to take Nathan out to see the property.

Motion: Bergman/Eagle to approve the District write a letter to the landowner to offer assistance. **Approved motion passed by unanimous vote.** Jeff added that he can obtain the contact information. Randy suggested copying Scappoose Bay Watershed Council on the letter. Brief discussion held.

STAFF

Nathan explained to the board that the district's account with US bank has been sorted out. Discussion was held.

Bergman/Eagle moved to adjourn meeting
MEETING ADJOURNED 8:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

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