



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

**REPORTS****KC**

Talked about a few Fish and Wildlife Journal articles that give information about what the country looked like historically. How humans have affected the timber stands and what Oregon used to look like. Was going to bring some copies. Will bring next time.

**LONA**

SBWC's plant sale went great. It was busy the whole time. Sold out of some of the plants. Let the board know that they have a plant sale every Thursday from 9-noon.

**CRAIG**

Met with the city engineer for Scappoose. Looking for funding for certification & interior drainage study. Port might be able to help with also.

**KARI**

*(Report in packet)*

Tyler and Jenni have been working on the Batwater permits. Has been a bit of a challenge due to BPA funded. Batwater and Clatskanie Floodplain are both going out to bid Friday. Clatskanie Culvert 4 going out to bid 3 weeks from now. Waiting for the bridge bid. Columbia County Roads dept is excited to work more with us. They have applied for a small OWEB grant for Camp Wilkerson. They want to put an arrangement that any restoration project in the county, the SWCD has to be the lead or major partner. They would like us to work on creating a poster to brag up some of the projects we have worked on with the watershed councils.

**NATHAN**

Report came back from the compliance visit he went out with ODA on last month. They found some other issues that need to be taken care of by November. Working with the landowner and ODA to help. The permit for the campground in Vernonia came back. There is a lot of work that needs to be done before he can break ground.

**LCRWC**

*(Report in packet)*

Working with Lona and the Clatskanie Historical Society on a project to obtain oral histories from area residents. Margaret and the council did their self evaluation.

**BUSINESS PLAN**

KC wanted to know on Pg 2 what is considered barren land. Kari advised this chart is coming out of the plan because it is not accurate.

Lona asked about Pg 4 and what the WCPC was. It was the group that decided to do the Dutch Canyon Study. The group will start meeting again after project season. Should be defined more.

Clarification on Pg 7 of what the LAC is. Local Advisory Committee. Meets every other year. Will expand on the partners involved.

### **Pg 10**

Objectives #4 work with marketing professional? Tyler gave example of no one coming to the Garlic Mustard Workshop last night. We are looking for better ways to get the information out to people. Darryl from the Spotlight is interested in helping us.

Kari reminded everyone that this plan is “active” and can be adjusted as we go if needed.

Randy mentioned that the Master Gardner Program might be a good one to model our marketing and volunteering after.

Lona mentioned that the Home and Garden Fair had a lot of people at it and that might be something we could participate in next year if they have it again.

Natural Resource concerns. Still concerns? Lona leave water quality, water quantity, and weed management. Change streambank erosion and soil erosion to one. Add upland habitat (pollinators, native plants, wildlife, etc) Ag Viability (Timber and Ag) KC wants to leave streambank erosion separate because of the different permissions needed. We can change to 7 main concerns. Soil health is a hot button issue right now with NRCS. Kari will draft up the changes and send to the board.

### **Pg 11**

Water Quality -Randy asked about phosphates in the water. No info that we know of. A brief talk about some of the water monitoring we hope to do with DEQ was had.

Water Quantity – District funded last study out of general fund. About \$14,000 with PSU. Bill asked about monitoring and mapping of subsurface water.

### **Pg 12**

Soil Erosion – work with units of government where new buildings/subdivisions are being built.

Weed Management – Change to Vehicles and Vectors and wind and roadside management. Could we use billboards to advertise weeds? Not very expensive. Lona mentioned WMSWCD interested in partnering on weeds.

Craig asked if any of the schools have any type of Earth clubs. St. Helens has an Enviro club. Randy mentioned that English Holly is a real problem.

Bill stated we needed to get moving since we've been going at this for 1.5 hours and have only gone through 2 pages.

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Streambank Erosion – Will add in concerns

**Pg 13-18**

District Programs

Education – Bill wants to make sure we do the Kid's Fair in October. We are meeting with the new horticultural teacher from SHHS end of May.

Outreach

Something to do and try and see if it works. Won't be right away. Need volunteers to man tables at events. Take Photos. Ask people to submit photos through the website. **Add website to front of business plan.**

**Pg 21-22**

Graphs will be updated with newest info regarding funding.

Went over needs of an Office Assistant. Would be part time to start. Discussed what Kari and Malysa do and what they need help with.

Add NRCS to partnerships

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Budget will be updated with current numbers.

**Annual Work Plan**

Gave to board to review for approval at May's meeting

Randy asked to talk about our relationship with OACD. Our dues with them will be due soon. Not sure of the future with them. Not a lot of valuable information coming from their meetings anymore. Bill agrees. Needs to be more relative to SWCDs. Kari mentioned that our SWCC rep could be here for the May or June meeting.

*VanNatta/Ellis moved to adjourn meeting*

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:34 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Approved 05.20.15