

Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District

MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

8:10 AM

OSU Extension Office

66365 Lone Rock Rd, Moro, OR 97039

Board Present

Jess Stutzman
Nick von Borstel
Clint Moore
Trevor Fields
Josh Hilderbrand

Others Present

Amanda Whitman, District Manager
Marylou Martin, Office Assistant
Joan Bird, Sherman County Commissioner
Jacob Powell, OSU Extension

I. ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 am by chairman, Jess Stutzman.

II. REVIEW/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. MINUTES

Clint moved to approve minutes for the April 11th board meeting. Nick seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

No guest/public comment

V. TREASURERS REPORT

Financials and bills were presented. Trevor moved to approve the bills as presented and Clint seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. STAFF UPDATES

A. District Manager – See attached.

a. Grant Updates –

- i. Received payment for 1 grant, working on fund request for 1 grant, and submitted fund request for 1 grant. Received payment from ODA grant and working on new grant application. Site visit for 2 new haul roads, 1 boundary fence completion. Submitted 1 monitoring report and received final payment on CREP grant. Small grants: Submitted 1 completion report and 1 payment received. SIA—Maria sent letters to review for Opportunity landowners.

- b. Building Update—Construction should be done by mid-September.
- c. Other—
 - i. Tree sale--13 customers with a total sales of \$4,219.56.
 - ii. Website—Amanda and Marylou had meeting with website representative, should be live by the end of May.
 - iii. Amanda went to a SDAO Human Resources Training in Pendleton.
 - iv. Marylou has been doing Watershed Education outreach at the school, talking to teachers about the grant opportunity.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel

- a. Vacant Position--The Watershed Coordinator position is still vacant.
 - i. Internship—the new intern will come in as much as we need her to, part-time. She can shadow, take monitoring pictures, possibly set up the County Cost Share grants and work on the Bill Todd site.

B. County Cost Share –

- a. Application Updates/Changes—The Board discussed making the following changes to the application:
 - i. \$20,000 cap per landowner or entity in a 5 year period
 - ii. \$7,500 year limit with the 25% match
 - iii. Extend deadline to 2 years for completion
- b. Applications—2 new applications
 - i. Haul Road John Day side 3,954'. Clint moved to approve and Nick seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Spring Development John Day side, total cost: \$8,944, SWCD portion: \$6,708. Nick moved to approve and Trevor seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Policy Review

- a. Amanda presented additions to the policy including numbers 4 & 5 and a new records retention policy. Trevor moved to approve fiscal policy resolution. Clint seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

D. FY 23-24 Budget

- a. Budget Committee approved FY 23-24 budget this morning. The Board approved that the Budget Hearing will be June 13th prior to the regular scheduled SWCD Board Meeting.

E. Watershed Education Grant

- a. 4th–6th grade 4-H Camp this summer. This is a day camp (2 days) bussing the youth to Brooks Memorial Retreat in Goldendale. Nick moved to approve the grant at \$2,500. Clint seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Exploration Station (water table) for the kindergarten class. Supplies include a pump watering system, microscope, sand, and tools. Clint moved to approve the Exploration Station for \$864.89. Nick seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. NRCS – Amanda reported that CSP was adding a new enhancement for drone, weed-it type technology (to upgrade). If you want to be part of this program, get in touch with Misty as soon as possible.
- B. FSA– Not present
- C. OSU Extension—Jacob present details on this year’s Crop Tour. It is on June 1st from 8:30am-12:00pm starting in Wasco at the Event Center. SWCD helped sponsor the tour. June 8th is the Wasco County Crop Tour. June 14th is the Experiment Station field day starting at the Fairgrounds.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

The Watershed Council will meet at 7:30 on June 13th.

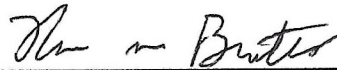
X. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is June 13th at 8:30 am.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

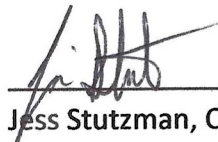
With no further business of the board meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am.

Respectfully,



Nick von Borstel, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Directors June 13, 2023:



Jess Stutzman, Chair