

Monday, December 12, 2022; 6:00-7:30 PM  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, Bob Morris, Jerry Paul, Eliza Mason, Kerry Hastings, Faye Yoshihara (Emeritus), Henry Storch

Board Members Absent: Grahm Trask

Associate Directors Present: David Barron, Marcella Henkels, Aubrey Cloud, Rana Foster (by phone), Henry Pitts (Student Associate Director)

Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Donna Schmitz, Sara Roberts, Candace Mackey

Staff Absent: Teresa Matteson

Others Present: Olivia Jasper (ODA) (by phone), Nellie McAdams (OAT), Andrea Krahmer (OAT), Ivor Kincaide (OAT)

### Call to Order

[Johnson] 6:01 pm

### Introductions, Public Comments, Announcements, Additions/Changes to Agenda

Additions to agenda:

- Those present and guest introductions
- Holly Crosson-move Annual Meeting resolution from Consent agenda to regular agenda to Update on Annual Meeting and Keynote speaker item

### CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approve draft minutes from November 11, 2022 Board Meeting:** Discussion: none
- **Approve Financials for 10/31/22:** Discussion: none

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda: Bob/Eliza-(Vote 6/6); All approved.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### Guest Presentation by Oregon Agricultural Trust (OAT) staff

- "Protecting Working Lands & Associated Habitat from Development" Nellie McAdams, OAT Executive Director presented on why they exist and their programs. In particular, succession planning for agricultural lands, and Conservation Easements to protect conservation values.
- Ivor Kincaide, OAT Farmland Program Director, presented on specific investment zones for Benton County landowners targeted for outreach
- Andrea Krahmer, OAT Education Program Director, presented on efforts to educate farmers and ranchers, attorney and appraisers, the public, and decision makers about farmland loss, easements and succession.

#### Approve FY2021-2022 Audit

- Holly Crosson explained the process of the annual audit, and draft audit review procedures for the FY22 audit. Final Audit is done and has been submitted to the Oregon Secretary of State, electronic copy was in packet. Positive change in net position increased over last year.

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Jerry applauds Holly Crosson on years of positive net position increases. He asks that the board read the letter that accompanied the audit, as well as fill out the audit board questionnaire in the future. He asks staff to please be clear and detailed when making check requests.

MOTION: Approve FY2021-2022 Audit: Kerry / Eliza (vote 6/6); All Approved.

#### Approve Zone 4 Director Public Service Announcements

- Refer to packet for PSA; Nate asks if any input to contact Sara. Jerry suggests getting this out to Mary's River Watershed Council, Alsea Grange, Midcoast Watershed Council, Henry Storch for contacts in Alsea. Sara will give out her mailing list so that efforts are not doubled up.  
Kerry Hastings: Question about other distribution placements, (not just radio), maybe the library, school, general store

MOTION: Approve Zone 4 Director PSA: Kerry /Henry (vote 6/6); All Approved.

#### Benton SWCD Equity Committee-Board representation:

- Holly explained history of committee, would like to start it up again and have participation of the board. Currently consists of Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr and Sara Roberts  
Question: Nate Johnson  
Time commitment? Meeting every 2 months, around 2 hours long. Creating draft action plan, and after implementing the action plan is approximated at 4 hours per month. Henry Storch and David Barron interested.

#### Update on Annual Meeting and Keynote Speaker:

- Sara Roberts shared the draft agenda, introduced guest speaker. Holly Crosson asked for feedback on the agenda timing, since there was to be a business meeting at the end of the annual meeting for 30 minutes. Jerry Paul suggests moving the business board meeting to January 9<sup>th</sup> to swear in new directors, approve minutes and financials so as not to make the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting too long. Nate Johnson asked who can attend. Quorum is established for business meeting for Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

MOTION: Approve Board Meeting Jan. 9 2023: Jerry/Kerry-(Vote 6/6); All approved.

- Adopt Resolution FY2022-2023-04; BSWCD Annual Meeting to be held on January 23, 2023  
Kerry Hastings: Discussion of wording of the resolution, in particular the use of the word "landowner" which is not inclusive and does not represent very well all attendees of the Annual Meeting. Holly Crosson will contact ODA to see what alternative language can be used if any for Annual Meeting resolutions.

MOTION: Approve Resolution for FY2022-2023-04 with more inclusive language: Bob/Kerry-(Vote 6/6); All approved.

#### Upcoming Training Opportunities for Directors:

- Upcoming Regional SWCD Board training by Eric Nusbaum at ODA, date TBA, or Eric can do an evening training in January at our office to make it more convenient for the SWCD Board.

#### Quarterly Review of Strategic Plan/Measurable Objective:

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- Holly Crosson reviewed current stage of strategic plan (5-year plan) and the updated Measurable Outcomes that were included in the board packet. Asked if this was a helpful way for the board to see what was being planned and the timeline for outcomes, or if there's a better way to have it presented. Discussion: perhaps not classify by fiscal year quarters, as a time frame. Instead, use the calendar month/year by which the action will be completed.

**Staff Reports**

No questions voiced. Nate will contact those he has questions for over email.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**[Johnson]** 7:51 pm