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**Grant Soil and Water Conservation District**  
***Kenneth H. Delano Agricultural Service Center***  
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**MINUTES OF GRANT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S**  
**July 12, 2024 Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Directors Attending: All called in**

Phil St. Clair – Director  
Rick Henslee - Director

Joanne Keerins - Director  
Dustin Kreger - Associate Director

**Staff Attending:**

Kyle Sullivan – District Manager - By telephone

Pat Holliday – Program Assistant

**Visitors:** None

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. Call Meeting to Order – Phil St. Clair called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes – **Joanne moved to approve the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes. Rick gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.**
3. Introduction of Visitors – There were no visitors in attendance.
4. Public Input – There was no public input.

**REPORTS**

5. NRCS – A representative was unable to attend.
6. FSA – A representative was unable to attend.
7. South Fork John Day Watershed Council – A representative was unable to attend.
8. Malheur Forest – A representative was unable to attend.
9. ODA – A representative was unable to attend.
10. Department of Environmental Quality - A representative was unable to attend.
11. OR Dept. Forestry – A representative was unable to attend.

**DISTRICT PROGRAMS**

12. Grant Weed Control – Matt was unable to attend.
13. District Programs – The Program Status Report was sent out in the Directors meeting packet. Kyle encouraged the Directors to contact him if they had any questions. The annual grass control program is expected to start Labor Day weekend. Kyle reminded Pat, Phil and Rick they are up for re-election in November. Kyle provided information on the updated rental agreement for the building. The new lease will be for a term of five years and

will increase the rental rate by approximately \$18,000 a year. The new lease will be retroactive to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Kyle stated he is planning to do some building improvements, starting with replacing the siding. Currently plans are for the Airborne Electromagnetic survey to begin in early August. Kyle is putting together informational flyers for outreach to the public. Tyler is working with Grant County cities regarding removal of juniper near city boundaries. The juniper removal project around Mt. Vernon has been put out for bid. Kyle reported he had an opportunity to visit with Nate Adelman, the new John Day Basin Team Leader, regarding the District's programs. Implementation of the Belshaw project has been put on hold until 2025. Kyle has been communicating with OR Dept. of Agriculture (ODA) regarding Strategic Implementation Areas (SIAs). The District is scheduled for a SIA in 2027. Kyle has suggested different ways an SIA could be implemented in the District's area, including waiting until the TMDL process has progressed further. The Directors supported this approach.


#### DISTRICT BUSINESS

14. Review and Approval of Annual Workplan – Kyle reviewed the 2024-25 Annual Workplan with the Directors. The Directors had no concerns or questions. **Joanne moved to approve Grant Soil & Water Conservation District's 2024-25 Annual Workplan. Rick gave the second and the motion passed unanimously.**
15. Other –

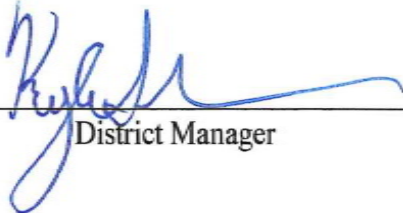
#### FINANCIAL BUSINESS

16. Financial Report/Financial Summary – Financial reports for the month of June 2024 were reviewed.
17. Approve Bills – **Joanne moved to approve the bills and financial reports for the month of June 2024. Rick gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

  
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