Grant Soil and Water Conservation District
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MINUTES OF GRANT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S
November 6, 2025 Meeting

Attendance

Directors Attending:
Roger Ediger – Director
Ted Clausen – Associate Director
Jarred Livingston – Associate Director
Phil St. Clair – Director
Pat Voigt – Chairman

Staff Attending:
Kyle Sullivan – District Manager
Matt Wenick – Grant Weed Control
Danielle Kimball
Pat Holliday – Program Assistant

Visitors:
Didgette McCracken
Amy Stiner – South Fork Watershed Council
John Rowell – Grant County Commissioner

ADMINISTRATION

1. Call Meeting to Order – Pat called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes – **Phil moved to approve the October 2, 2025, meeting minutes, with corrections. Roger gave the second. Phil St. Clair, Pat Voigt, and Roger Ediger voted yes. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Introduction of Visitors – There were no visitors to introduce.

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 – Amy reported that the RCPP program signups for landowners is on hold with the government closure. She is hoping for a later opportunity for landowners to sign up. Council meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2025. They will be going over changes in Landowner Preference tags and hunting units. They will also have a representative there to talk about virtual fences.

8. Malheur Forest – A representative was unable to attend.

9. ODA – A representative was unable to attend.

10. OR State Forestry – A representative was unable to attend

11. OR Dept. Environmental Quality – A representative was unable to attend.

12. John Rowell County Commissioner – John reported on some of the county court activities and that they have a lot coming up.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

13. Grant Weed Control – Matt reported that they will continue treatments for the Umatilla National Forest and BLM throughout the year as weather permits. Matt has begun working on seeding projects for this winter. Has approximately 5000 acres of aerial seeding for private landowners. Nate has been winterizing equipment that will not be used during the winter and has all the herbicide moved to the heated storage shed. Have a possible opportunity to work with Envu and their carbon credit program. Still in the early stages and Matt will have more to report later when he has more details and how it can be implemented through the district.

14. District Programs – The Program Status Report was included in the Directors meeting packet. Kyle encouraged the Directors to contact him if they had any questions. Kyle reported that the auditors are expecting to have a clean single audit for the 2024–2025 audit. The Luce Long ditch committee reached out and wanted to have a meeting regarding the failing diversion. Kyle, Cole, and Neil met with the committee and might be able to provide support in design options and maybe shoot grade during construction.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

15. Board approval of adding Danielle to Financial Accounts – Directors discussed adding Danielle Kimball to the Bank of Eastern Oregon accounts and State Pool accounts

Phil moved to approve adding Danielle Kimball as the administrative contact for online banking for Grant Soil and Water Conservation District's and Grant Weed Control's Bank of Eastern Oregon accounts, and the Oregon State Treasury Local Government Investment Pool accounts for Grant Soil and Water Conservation District and Grant Weed Control. Also, includes approval for Danielle Kimball to receive any communication regarding Grant Soil & Water Conservation District's and Grant Weed Control's Bank of Eastern Oregon accounts, and The Oregon State Treasury Local Government Investment Pool accounts for Grant Soil and Water Conservation District and Grant Weed Control. Roger gave the second. Phil St. Clair, Roger Ediger, and Pat Voigt voted in favor. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Other – A contractor met with Kyle and Roger to share concerns a few of his colleagues had expressed to him regarding District projects. Kyle investigated the concerns and relayed the results of his findings as well as the conversation to the Directors. The Directors discussed the concerns and supported Kyle's recommendations for follow up.

17. Other – Directors reviewed the resolution for Pat's retirement party to comply with Oregon Government Ethics Commission Advisory.

Phil moved to approve Grant SWCD's resolution authorizing the district to provide food and beverages for employees, board members, and spouses, and Pat's immediate family at Pat's retirement party. The resolution enables the district to comply with Oregon Government Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion no. 25-126A. Roger gave the second. Phil St. Clair, Roger Ediger, and Pat Voigt, voted in favor. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

18. Financial Report/Financial Summary – Financial reports for the month of October 2025 were reviewed by the Directors.

19. Approve Bills – **Roger moved to approve the bills and financial reports for the month of October 2025. Phil gave the second. Phil St. Clair, Roger Ediger, and Pat Voigt, voted in favor. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm.

Patrick Voigt
Board Chair

12-4-25
Date

Kyle Sullivan
District Manager

12/4/2025
Date