



---

**Grant Soil and Water Conservation District**  
***Kenneth H. Delano Agricultural Service Center***  
**721 S. Canyon Blvd. - John Day, OR 97845 - Phone (541) 575-0135**

**MINUTES OF GRANT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S**  
**July 3, 2025 Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Directors Attending:**

Roger Ediger – Director  
Ted Clausen – Associate Director  
Alec Oliver – Associate Director

Phil St. Clair – Director  
Pat Voigt – Chairman

**Staff Attending:**

Kyle Sullivan – District Manager

Pat Holliday – Program Assistant

**Visitors:**

John Rowell – Grant County Commissioner  
Didgette McCracken - telephone

Chase Blume – Malheur Forest - telephone

**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 June 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Roger gave the second. Roger Ediger, Phil St. Clair and Pat Voigt 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 – Hannah was unable to attend.
6. FSA – Kyle reviewed the report Sarah Ugalde provided.
7. South Fork John Day Watershed Council – Phil reported the Council is monitoring, implementing and reporting on projects. The Council is in the process of looking for new office space.
8. Malheur Forest – Chase reported a public meeting regarding Forest Plan revisions will be held July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 – 8:00 at the Fairgrounds. The Forest has several projects progressing through the NEPA process. The Forest Service is beginning to see less bids on timber projects on the Malheur Forest due to a lack of infrastructure in the timber industry.
9. ODA – Brent 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 stated the Grant County Court did not approve the purchase of the Mascall property by the Bureau of Land Management. Discussion was held on the effects of the lack of infrastructure in the timber industry.

### DISTRICT PROGRAMS

13. Grant Weed Control – Matt was unable to attend. Kyle reviewed the written report in his absence. The Weed Department recently completed a float trip on the John Day River for BLM, treating Leafy spurge.
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 he obtained information from the BOR geophysicist regarding the Airborne Electromagnetic Survey of the Upper John Day Valley that was required for the OR Water Resources Department Feasibility Grant final report. The report was submitted, but the District requested an extension in order to complete all the items associated with the AEM survey. BOR has reaffirmed their commitment to the groundwater study program. Kyle provided information on a bridge repair project near Dayville. ODOT is reinforcing bridge piers. Kyle stated the District may be able to address water quality issues at the site in the future.

### DISTRICT BUSINESS

15. OACD Dues Update – Kyle reported OR Association of Conservation Districts is calculating Districts 2025-26 annual dues based on the gross revenue in their last audit. Due to the large amount of project revenue the District had, this substantially increased Grant SWCD's 2025 - 26 dues. OACD recently enacted a policy that dues can only be increased up in one category each year. Kyle stated he is grateful for this policy, but it does not address the issue in the long term for Grant SWCD.
16. Governing Body Questionnaire from Auditors – Pat Holliday stated each Director was mailed a Governing Body Questionnaire that will need to be returned to Solutions CPAs. The Questionnaire is a requirement of the District's audit.
17. Other – Kyle reported three applications have been received for the program assistant position. Applications will be accepted until July 7<sup>th</sup>.
18. Other – Kyle stated he received a call from OR Cattlemen's Association regarding a potential pilot program to address elk damage on private land due to wolf movement and fire impact. Kyle will research the subject regarding Grant SWCD's potential role.

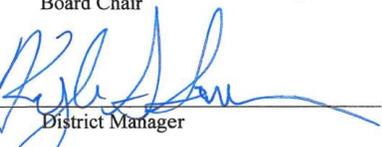
### FINANCIAL BUSINESS

19. Financial Report/Financial Summary – Financial reports for the month of June 2025 were reviewed by the Directors.
20. Approve Bills – **Phil moved to approve the bills and financial reports for the month of June 2025. 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.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair

9-4-25  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
District Manager

9/4/2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date