



Grant Soil and Water Conservation District
721 S. Canyon Blvd. - John Day, OR 97845 - Phone (541) 575-0135
MINUTES OF GRANT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S
March 1st, 2018 MEETING

Attendance

Meeting was held by Telephone Conference:

Directors:

Phil St. Clair – Director – By Telephone
Rick Henslee - Director – By Telephone
Nick Stiner – Associate Director - Attending

Joanne Keerins – Director – By telephone
Roger Ediger – Director – By telephone

Staff:

Pat Holliday – Program Assistant
Matt Wenick – Weed Control Coordinator

Jason Kehrberg-District Manager

Visitors:

Lorraine Vogt – Natural Resources Conservation Service

1. Call Meeting to Order – Phil St. Clair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes – **Joanne moved to approve the February 1, 2018 minutes. Roger gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.**
2. Set Resolution for Annual Meeting - **Joanne moved to set Grant SWCD's 2018 Annual Meeting for April 3, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Grant County Regional Airport meeting room. Roger gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.**
3. Range Drill – Jason explained the specifications of the new rangeland drill he is recommending the District purchase. It is a 10 ft. full sized drill with 12 inch spacing with a hydraulic lift. Monument SWCD recently purchased the same style but a smaller size. Jason stated the District plans to have a very specific rental agreement for the drill and believes it may rent for \$6 to \$7 an acre plus a delivery and pickup charge. Matt will be in charge of tracking the rental and use of the drill. In the past the range drill has been the most popular piece of equipment the District has had available to rent. Rick asked if there has been any monitoring of success rates of seeding accomplished with the old range drill. Phil stated his experience with the drill was very successful. Jason stated his past experience with the drill has shown success depends on timing, moisture, and Mother Nature. **Rick moved to approve the purchase of the rangeland drill. Joanne gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.**
4. Grant Weed Control Equipment – Matt reviewed the history of the general fund of the Weed Control Department since 2014. In recent years the Department has been able to update its equipment without a severe decline in the general fund balance. Matt stated he would like to purchase a new 450 4X4 crew cab pickup with a flatbed. The Directors asked Matt about future work the Department has planned. Matt stated they have a tremendous amount of work ahead of them and he felt it was a good time to make this equipment upgrade. The new pickup will reduce the amount of equipment that will need to be mobilized to isolated project areas. **Joanne moved to approve the purchase of a new 450 4X4 crew cab pickup with flatbed. Rick gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.**

Jason stated the District was recently featured in an article in the February 7, 2018 edition of the Blue Mt. Eagle highlighting the District's activities and accomplishments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

Phil St. Clair

Board Chair

5-3-18

Date

[Signature]

District Manager

5/3/18

Date