



Grant Soil and Water Conservation District
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MINUTES OF GRANT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S
May 2nd, 2019 MEETING

Attendance

Directors:

Phil St. Clair – Director

Pat Voigt - Director

Rick Henslee - Director

Staff:

Jason Kehrberg - District Manager

Matt Wenick – Weed Control Coordinator

Joanne Keerins - Director

Roger Ediger – Director

Ted Clausen – Associate Director

Pat Holliday – Program Assistant

Visitors:

No visitors were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Call Meeting to Order – Pat Voigt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes - Phil moved to approve the April 4th, 2019 meeting minutes. Rick gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.
3. Introduction of Visitors – No visitors were in attendance.
4. Public Input – There was no public input.

REPORTS

5. NRCS – A representative was unable to attend.
6. OSU Ext. - A representative was unable to attend.
7. BOR – A representative was unable to attend.
8. John Day Basin Trust - A representative was unable to attend.
9. ODFW Wildlife – A representative was unable to attend.
10. ODFW Fisheries – A representative was unable to attend.
11. ODFW Fish Habitat – A representative was unable to attend.
12. CTWSR of OR – A representative was unable to attend.
13. ODA – A representative was unable to attend.
14. Malheur National Forest – A representative was unable to attend.
15. Freshwater Trust - A representative was unable to attend.
16. USFWS Partners Program – A representative was unable to attend.
17. North Fork John Day Watershed Council – A representative was unable to attend.
18. Upper South Fork Watershed Council – Joanne gave the report in Amy's absence. Interviews have been completed for the new Project Manager position. The staff is gathering as well as inputting data on the Bark Project while getting ready for implementation of 2019 projects.

19. Monument SWCD – A representative was unable to attend.

20. OWEB – A representative was unable to attend.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

21. District Manager Search – Jason stated he completed the District Manager job description and asked the Directors if they had any input. To date, he has received one e-mail expressing interest in the position. Jason asked the Directors how they would like to conduct the selection process. All Directors expressed an interest in serving on the interview committee. The Directors agreed by consensus to have all submitted District Manager applications e-mailed or mailed to each Director prior to the June 6th Board meeting. **Joanne moved to have the entire Board of Directors serve as the interview committee. Phil gave the second and the motion passed unanimously.**

22. Other – Jason reported the District has completed the agreement with the 2017-18 auditing firm. The District has contacted Solutions, CPAs who will be giving a quote for 2018-19 auditing services.

23. Other -

24. Other –

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

25. Weed Control – Matt reported road side pre-emergent treatment has been completed on all Grant and Wheeler County roads. Grant Weed Control has completed taking applications for the 25% Cost-Share Program with treatment to begin the first part of May. The 50% Cost-Share Program is currently being advertised and applications are being accepted. The 2019 BLM contract has been received. Matt stated he expects to do extra spraying along the John Day River for BLM. Matt recently attended a meeting for landowners participating in the OR Dept. Agriculture Tri-County Weed grant. Grant Weed Control will be responsible for a portion of the treatment involved in the Grant. Matt stated he has been notified the Ochoco Forest is interested in having Grant Weed Control perform noxious weed control in several areas of the forest.

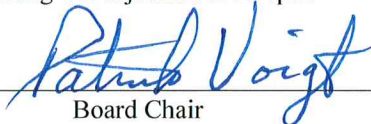
26. District Programs – Jason reported the District recently was notified the OR Department of Agriculture Capacity Grant will now be administered by OWEB. Kyle has been assisting NRCS with the second round of signups for the RCPP program EQIP Cost-Share Awards. A total of 21 applications were received prior to the April 19th deadline. Cole is working on the McGirr and four Ricco diversion projects. The water right transfer associated with the Hall and John Day River Diversion projects has not completed the administrative review process. It is expected to be completed in mid-June. The Bradford and Diversion Diversion projects were determined to be exempt from permitting by Army Corp and are currently being evaluated by OR Dept. State Lands. The McGirr project is expected to be cleared through BPA's Habitat Improvement Project Programmatic Permit and is in the review process for a Fill and Removal Permit. Unless a significant issue presents itself, all projects should be implemented this summer. Jason reported the first draft of the grant application for a feasibility analysis to implement active aquifer recharge and recovery projects within Grant County is complete will be submitted to NRCS through the Conservation Innovation grant program. The District also plans to submit a grant application to OR Water Resources in October. A grant application was submitted to OWEB to cost-share ODFW's riparian fence program.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

27. Financial Report/Financial Summary – Financial reports for the month of April 2019 were reviewed.

28. Approve Bills – **Roger moved to approve the bills and financial reports for the month of April 2019. Phil gave the second with the motion passing unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.


Board Chair

6-6-19
Date


District Manager

6/6/19
Date