



P O Box 95 Monument, OR 97864

## MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2021

Monument Senior Center

### Monthly Board Meeting

**Call to Order** – Jim Bahrenburg called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

**Motion to close regular board meeting and open Executive Session:** Motion made by Jim Bahrenburg and seconded by Andy Watkins

**Motion to resume regular board meeting:** Motion made by Andy Watkins, seconded by Brian Campbell at 6:10 pm

**Board of Directors in attendance** –Brian Campbell, Jim Bahrenburg, Troy Cox (left at 6:10 pm), Andy Watkins, Jeff Thomas (by phone at 6:10 pm)

**Staff** – BA Robbins (District Manager), Larry Stevens (MVM Coordinator), Patrick Baxter (Office Assistant)

**Guests:** Aaron Roth by phone (NCRS)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jim Bahrenburg to approve the meeting minutes from the regular board meeting of 7/12/2021 and seconded by Andy Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

NCRS: Aaron Roth provide Office Protocol Updates for COVID, anyone needing to go into the NRCS office must call in to check current Federal guidelines. BA presented the CREP Conservation plan allowing Scott Knox for grazing, the Board agreed. Program Updates were provided (see handout). Current Drought Map Update (handout).

ODA: BA presented Sue Grier's update on Grants submitted: Camp Creek (recommended) and Longview Lost Fawn (to be resubmitted). A site visit was made for Cole Engle juniper removal project, more information will be provided at the next board meeting.

### DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Project Manager Report: BA gave a report on the Small Mouth Bass, included that Snorkel Surveys are continuing. The Stomach and Lab samples will proceed on schedule. Lindsey is available for addition support. The application for 21-22 support was submitted to the Tribes.

Andy prompted a discussion on the involvement of the Tribes part in completing the grant. They are match partners and share in the labor.

2. Financial Report: BA gave her financial report along with handouts. A motion to approve the report was made by Andy Watkins and seconded by Brian Campbell. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
3. Monument Vegetation Management (MVM) Report: Larry provided a report on MVM activities. The F250 radiator issue was discussed, new parts are on the way after working with the Vendor for additional support. The Jeep overheating issues are better but still present, and there is a shimmy issue at highway speeds that is being investigated. There was a discussion about replacing the Jeep, the board approved having BA look into this and purchase as needed. Larry will attend the State Weed Board Meeting to pursue additional Grants, Andy expressed a desire to get more Grants that include deal with the rising Hemlock issue.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Equipment:

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Staffing: Discussion about options for additional employees to help increase MVM capacity.
  
2. Associate Director: BA reported that Carrie Jewell is interested in position, and will attend the next meeting to discuss further.
  
3. District Manager: Motion made to post District Manager Position by Brian Campbell, seconded by Andy Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote. A hiring committee will consist of the full Board of Directors. Hiring committee meeting to be announced.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:40 pm

**MEETINGS:**

Next MSWCD board meeting to be held at the Monument Senior Center on September 6, 2021 at 5 pm.

Approved by:

James Babenbury  
Chairman/Vice Chairman

10/4/21  
Date

Erin Todd  
Recorded and submitted by

10/4/21  
Date