



P O Box 95 Monument, OR 97864

MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2022

Monument Senior Center

Monthly Board Meeting

Call to Order – Jim Bahrenburg called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Board of Directors in attendance – Jim Bahrenburg and Andy Watkins.

Associate Directors in attendance – Carrie Jewel

Staff – Erik Rook (District Manager), Patrick Baxter (Technical Assistant), and BA Robbins (Office Manager).

Guests: Aaron Roth (NCRS) via phone, Alex Rice (Watershed Council), and Maria Snodgrass (ODA).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Could not approve Meeting Minutes from 3/7/2 due to lack of quorum.

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

NCRS: Aaron reports that they are working on Conservation Stewardship Program applications this month and next. He talked about the Grant County Natural Resources Fair coming up April 12th at Fair Grounds Pavilion in John Day. Will be close to 20 partner booths and 6-7 presenters on many topics. Booths open at 9am first presenter at 10, ends at 3pm. Food truck there from 11-2. Ads in the paper and on the radio.

NFJDWC: Alex reports that the BLM Allotment Fencing Project is delayed, as the Youth Group that is helping can't make it till later. Kicking off Rudio Creek Assessment Projects. Will be putting in a Technical Assistance Grant in May, and is interesting in Landowners in the area to contact them.

Stewardship planning framework to assess range land, forest, and aquatics is moving forward. They will be creating a roadmap for projects, and then will be able to provide plan for Landowners to get the work done on their own or with assistance from a restoration organization. He handed out a document packet on it covering a 2–5-year plan. He hopes to have the first project available by June.

ODA: Maria reports that their staff for AG water SWCD projects is down five members. Their Natural Resources division has hired a new Soil Expert and is based out of Salem. She handed out Oregon Disaster Assistance Program information that has options for forgivable loans to help

interest long term loan. The Board discussed the initial options, and would like to discuss again in future meetings.

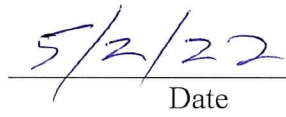
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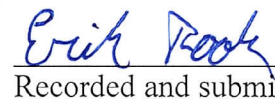
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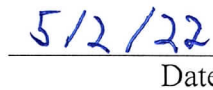
MEETINGS: Next MSWCD board meeting to be held at the Monument Senior Center on May 2nd, 2022 at 5pm.

Approved by:


Chairman/Vice Chairman


Date


Recorded and submitted by


Date

Definitions

MSWCD: Monument Soil and Water Conservation District

NRCS : Natural Resources Conservation Service

NFJDWC: North Fork John Day Watershed Council

OWEB: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

ODA: Oregon Department of Agriculture

SIA: Strategic Implementation Area

AG: Agricultural

CTWS: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

BLM: Bureau of Land Management