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MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2023

Monument Senior Center

Monthly Board Meeting

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:58 PM by Jim Bahrenburg.

Board of Directors in attendance – Jim Bahrenburg, Andy Watkins, Lisa Atkin, Brian Campbell (Via Phone), Jeff Thomas.

Associate Directors in attendance – Carrie Jewell

Staff – Erik Rook (District Manager), Todd Hoodenpyl (Office Manager), Emily Schmidt (Project Manager).

District Minutes:

A motion was made by Lisa Atkin to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 minutes as presented with a change to the start date for Emily Schmidt to 2023. The motion was seconded by Jeff Thomas. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

New employee Emily Schmidt was introduced to the board.

GUEST LIST: Arron Roth NRCS, Alex Rice NFJDWC, Maria Snodgrass ODA (Via Phone), and John Volle.

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

ODA: Nothing to Report.

NRCS: Arron Roth reported that the local work group meeting is going to be held on Thursday February 09, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 4:00PM in John Day, Oregon. Aaron also updated the board on the Inflation Reduction Act and how it will impact funding in regards to NRCS. He will have more information in future meetings.

Aaron instructed the board on required Civil Rights training and provided them with printed copies of the training power point presentation and associated MOA. A copy of these documents are available at the MSWCD Office. Board members signed the Civil Rights participation sheet.

NFJDWC: Alex Rice reported on updates to the Bull Run Restoration work being conducted with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla and the US Forest Service and updated the board on the Rudio Creek project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Volle discussed energy efficiency incentives that are available through Columbia Power Cooperative with the Board. Lisa Atkins briefly described the program and added that many types of energy efficiency upgrades that save kilowatt hours are eligible and those interested should contact Payden at the Columbia Power Co-op office.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. District Manager Report: Erik Rook provided a full update on all current projects. A copy of the detailed report is available at the MSWCD office. Erik discussed concepts surrounding the Cottonwood Hydrologic Timing and the complications with using Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) on this specific creek. Additionally, Erik discussed his meeting with the Top Road Firewise group and what their goals are in regards to fire prevention and adjacent public lands.
2. Financial Report: Todd Hoodenpyl provided the Monthly Fiscal report along with supporting documents. Todd provided the Board with a new form to track current and proposed grants. This form will allow Directors to see accurate dollar amounts of each grant that is active/proposed and will serve as a tool for future and current funding predictions. He also reported that a transfer from the equipment fund to the checking account in the amount of \$45,644.10 was made to purchase the new 2022 pickup for the MSWCD. Director Jeff Thomas discussed his desire to see a quarterly income prediction which he felt would provide the board with some insight on how income was estimated to come into the MSWCD. The board was informed that the Auditor and Liability insurance was paid in full. **A motion was made by Jim Bahrenburg to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Andy Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: Erik discussed with the Board about possible annual meeting dates.

NEW BUSINESS

SIA Discussion: A discussion was had between the Board Members, Maria Snodgrass (ODA), and Erik regarding SIA implementation.

Annual Work Plan: The board was presented with a copy of the 2023-2024 Annual Work Plan. **A motion was made by Jim Bahrenburg to table approval of the plan until the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Andy Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

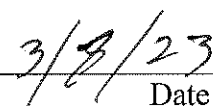
MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:29 pm

MEETINGS: Next MSWCD board meeting to be held at the Monument Senior Center on March 07, 2023 at 5pm.

Approved by:



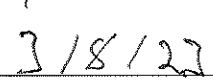
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Date



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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

