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## MEETING MINUTES

November 04, 2024

Monument Senior Center

### Monthly Board Meeting

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Andy Watkins.

**Board of Directors in attendance** – John Volle, Lisa Atkin, and Andy Watkins.

**Associate Directors in attendance** – None in attendance.

**Staff** – Erik Rook (District Manager), Todd Hoodenpyl (Office Manager), and Joe Spindler (Project Technician).

**GUEST LIST:** None

### District Minutes:

**A motion was made by Andy Watkins to approve the minutes of the Oct 15, 2024 Annual and regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa Atkin. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Nothing to report

### DISTRICT BUSINESS

- District Manager Report: Erik Rook provided an update on current projects and reviewed the ODA discussion from the October 15, 2024 meeting. Erik discussed a list of ongoing projects and planning/budgeting that has been completed between the CTWS and MSWCD for an upcoming two-year contract. A copy of the detailed report is available at the MSWCD office.
- Financial Report: Todd Hoodenpyl presented the Monthly Fiscal report along with supporting documents. Todd discussed with the board about the progress with the current auditor and indicated that the review should be completed soon. **A motion was made by Andy Watkins to approve the Fiscal Report as presented. The motion was seconded by John Volle. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Project Report: Joe Spindler provided a report on activities completed and projects worked on during the past month. Joe told the Board that approximately 100 miles of

roadway was treated with herbicide in the Umatilla National Forest and approximately 65 miles of roadway was treated on the Malheur National Forest. A copy of the detailed report is available at the MSWCD office.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Audit- Erik Rook and Todd Hoodenpyl provided additional information concerning the current Audit/Review being conducted by Solutions P.C. Additional questions about the past auditor and possible legal action were discussed with the Board. Erik Rook indicated that he did not want to waste valuable District assets pursuing a lengthy legal battle, and would rather spend those resources on landowners and projects. The Board agreed with Erik’s assessment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Grant Submissions- Erik Rook discussed with the Board grant submissions that have been submitted for projects and upcoming grant submissions this spring. Most submissions are related to fire mitigation efforts for the MSWCD and surrounding partners with additional projects on Cottonwood Creek, Rudio Creek, and Wall Creek to improve water quality and quantity.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:485 pm**

**MEETINGS:** Next MSWCD board meeting to be held at the Monument Senior Center on December 02, 2024 at 5pm.

Approved by:

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

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Date

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Recorded and submitted by

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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

ODF: Oregon Department of Forestry

ODFW: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife