

Jefferson County SWCD Board Minutes ~ September 24, 2024

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2024 12:00 PM
Madras Airport Conference Room ~ Madras, Oregon and
Virtually Via Zoom

Members Present:

Board:

Scott Samsel (At Large 1)
Rob Galyen (At Large 2)
Lloyd Forman (Zone 4)
Craig Weigand, Jr. (Zone 3)

Staff:

Kate Haarberg ~ District Manager
Ally Steinmetz ~ Watershed Coordinator
Ryan Brummer ~ Weed Coordinator

Advisors:

NRCS ~ David Phipps
North Unit Irrigation District ~ Collin Cowsill
Jefferson County City Council ~ Mark Wunsch

Members/Staff Not Present:

Brad Klann (Zone 2)
Curt Locke (Zone 5)
Adam Haarberg
Ellen Hammond

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

Motion #1: *Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve the August 27th board minutes. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion #2: *Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve 2024 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Rob Galyen. Motion carried unanimously.*

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Call to Order:

The September 24, 2024 Jefferson County SWCD Board meeting was called to order by Chair Lloyd Forman at 12:10 PM with a quorum in place.

Approval of the August 27th 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:

The August 27th board minutes were emailed to the board before today's meeting for review.

Motion #1: Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve the August 27th board minutes. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the September, 2024 Financial Activity Report:

Kate went into detail on the Balance Sheet and identified a \$5750 payroll liability. In doing the research it was discovered that not all of Adams Oregon Savings contributions were making it to VOYA and were sitting in the JCSWCD checking account. Kate will transfer the funds asap and will come to the next board meeting with suggestions on how to reimburse Adam for lost interest & compound interest from the contributions not being deposited into his account.

Motion #2: Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve 2024 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Rob Galyen. Motion carried unanimously.

Weed Program Update – Ryan Brunner

Been doing ride aways. There is a new 'county' employee that should ease some of his work load. Ryan is doing weed notices for the year. Rejuvra is his main focus for the next couple of months. Looking at additional grants. Ryan showed clip of the Roberts small grant Rejuvra spray via plane that happened this morning.

Watershed Update – Ally Steinmetz

Ally put out invitations for an Opal Springs tour. She announced two recently awarded grants from Reser Family Foundation & TNC/PGE Salmon Habitat Support Fund

RE: Monitoring/Research

- Fall PSP data collection (in process).
- NWQI Trout Creek Watershed Assessment: Working on Phases 4 & 5.
- No monitoring reports due for a while. Will be taking photopoints of juniper projects this fall.

RE: Education/Outreach

- 4 Fall field trips planned with Metolius Elementary and Madras Elementary
- Continuing work on Gray Family Foundation grant.

RE: Restoration

- TNC/PGE Salmon Habitat Fund to supplement Adam's Foley Meadow project (grant agreement in place).
- Upper Trout Creek Tributary Rehabilitation, OWEB: (Project end date November 14 > monitoring).

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Ally Cont:

- Campbell Creek Watershed Enhancement- Implementation, OWEB: (working with consultant to expend funds).
- Roberts Veg Management, SIA: (planning plantings)
- Upper Willow Creek Beaver Habitat Enhancement- applying for TA funds fall '24

Foley Complex Update – Adam Haarberg (via email).

Last week we finished the heavy earth moving portion of the project and the Dozer and Haul Truck are done. I finished roughing in the stream channel from top to bottom.

We are now in the final stages of construction, both Tom Nelson and I are fine tuning the channel and floodplain and building log structures at each of the pools. We were able to get ½ of Reach 1 completed today.

There are 4 reaches of Foley Creek and one small reach on Big Log Creek. We expect to finish Reach 1 and Big Log tomorrow, with the hopes of getting it all done by next Wednesday, at which point the excavator I am running will be returned.

I look forward to having a tour of the project, hopefully when the water starts running if anyone is interested.

Conservation Specialist & PSP Outreach ~ Ellen

Ellen is on vacation and did not attend today's meeting.

Job Description Update for Natural Resource Specialist/Conservation Planner ~ Kate

Kate shared that they have narrowed down the candidate pool to four people and interviews begin on Thursday Sept 26th with the hope that this person will begin by Nov. 1st. We are happy with the number of applicants we received and feel confident we will find a great fit for our team.

NRCS Update ~ Dave

Dave said this week marks the end of the fiscal year. He mentioned that the NRCS will be overseeing the Jeff SWCD new employee and participating in the upcoming interviews.

North Unit Irrigation District ~ Collin Cowsill

Collin mentioned the water is going to be shut off October 11th followed by the annual fish rescue led by the Deschutes River Conservancy.

BOARD Update ~ All Board members

An election update – it was found that a community member that was going to run for Zone 5 was determined by ODA to not meet the guidelines to run and was removed from the ballot.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Board agreed to meet on Wednesday Oct 30th at 12 pm.

Lloyd adjourned the meeting at 01:20 PM.