

# Jefferson County SWCD Board Minutes ~ January 31, 2022

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2022

Virtual Meeting ~ GoToMeeting

### Members Present:

#### Board:

Scott Samsel (At Large 1)  
Lloyd Forman (Zone 4)  
Brad Klann (Zone 2)  
Rob Galyen (At Large 2)

#### Staff:

Staci Merkt  
Adam Haarberg  
Lisa Windom  
Ally Steinmetz

#### Advisors:

Theresa DeBardelaben, ODA  
Lars Santana, NRCS  
Collin Cowsill, NUID

## SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

- Motion #1: Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve the December, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. Seconded by Rob Galyen. The motion carried unanimously.***
- Motion #2: Motion made by Brad Klann to approve the January 31, 2022 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.***
- Motion #3: Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve the Annual Meeting date, time and place: Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30AM during the Central Oregon Farm Fair at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Madras. Seconded by Brad Klann. Motion carried unanimously.***

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## **Call to Order:**

The January 31, 2022 Jefferson County SWCD Board meeting was called to order by Chair Lloyd Forman at 7:03PM with a quorum in place.

## **Welcome Brooke Copeland with the Coalition for the Deschutes:**

Brooke gave a presentation about a cover crop program that the Coalition plans to implement in Jefferson County. She is looking for collaboration with JCSWCD and wants to include us in planning and executing the program.

## **Approval of December 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:**

The board reviewed the December board minutes as presented. Scott Samsel stated that the date in the header needed to be changed from September 21, 2021 to December 14, 2021. Staci made the edits right away:

***Motion #1: Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve the December, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. Seconded by Rob Galyen. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **Approval of December 14, 2021 Financial Activity Report:**

Staci took the board through the check register, the balance sheet, profit and loss statement and job/vendor reports as of January 31, 2022.

Current active grants are reported on and balanced per grant requirements and all payroll taxes and reports are paid and current. As funding continues to flux, and grants focus more and more towards on the ground costs, it will be imperative that the District continue to seek out other possible sources of funding as well as new conservation, soil, water, stewardship ideas.

***Motion #2: Motion made by Brad Klann to approve the January 31, 2022 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **Review of the PY2021 Annual Plan of Work:**

Lisa went through the PY2021 Annual Plan of Work and asked if anyone had feedback. Scott Samsel said it looked great and enjoyed the overview of what the District has been up to and that it should be well received. Lisa mentioned that she added data about the water shortage and drought that is affecting how the land in Jefferson County is being managed. Brad said that it's important to include that data and he's glad Lisa added that. Lastly, Lisa added that the PSP data will be added next week when DEQ provides it for us.

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## **Review Annual Meeting/Farm Fair Presentation:**

Lisa went through the PowerPoint Presentation that she plans to show at the Annual Meeting/Farm Fair next week. Everyone agreed that it reflected the work the District has done in the past year.

## **SIA Update, Theresa DeBardelaben:**

Theresa gave an update on the Campbell Creek Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) that is in the early stages of implementation. She said that she will be at the Farm Fair for our presentation and that Lisa is including a section about the SIA. She said she will be there to answer questions about the SIA. She also explained that she is going to “tone down” the letter that is being mailed to landowners.

## **Approval of Date and Time of JCSWCD Annual Meeting:**

Staci said that our time slot to give our presentation at the Central Oregon Farm Fair and to hold our Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30AM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds:

***Motion #3: Motion made by Brad Klann to Approve the Proposed Date and Time. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **\$3 Million Disaster Relief Funding Allocation to JCSWCD Update:**

Staci gave a summary of the current status of our allocation and said that it is still early in the development phase. Rob added that there are still a lot of questions to be answered, but that he’s glad OWEB is moving forward and keeping us updated.

## **Conservation Specialist/CREP Planner Report:**

Lisa gave updates on the OWEB Small Grant Program, PSP Program, Campbell Creek SIA, JCSWCD Annual Report, Farm Fair Presentation, CREP Program and alternative sources for funding.

## **MDWC Report:**

Ally gave updates on Council administrative business, educational programs, monitoring and research projects, restoration activities and projects and outreach activities and events.

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## **Trout Creek Project Update:**

Adam gave an update on his project implementation in the Trout Creek Watershed and potential new grant opportunities that he has recently applied for. He said he's been working a lot on the design of practices on Beaver Creek. He also listed some dates for tours that he is hosting in the near future (including PGE, OWEB and BPA).

## **PARTNER REPORTS:**

**NRCS:** Lars gave an update on NRCS programs. He said that NRCS is in the planning phase of new projects after completing the ranking process. He added that NRCS had high demand and not enough funding to cover all of the interest. He said that there are projects that are ready to hit the ground if JCSWCD is able to utilize the disaster relief funding for irrigation efficiency projects. He also said that their Local Workgroup Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM and he hopes that everyone can join in.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.