

Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District

MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2023

8:35 AM

OSU Extension Office

66365 Lone Rock Rd, Moro, OR 97039

Board Present

Jess Stutzman
Nick von Borstel
Clint Moore
Josh Hilderbrand

Others Present

Amanda Whitman, District Manager
Marylou Martin, Office Assistant
Joan Bird, Sherman County Commissioner
Kara Lanthorn, FSA
Misty Strayhorn, NRCS
Darren Padget
Brad Eakin
Rob Simantel
Damon Brosnan, NRCS

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Closed at 8:35.**

I. ORDER

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II. REVIEW/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. MINUTES

Nick moved to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023 Budget Committee meeting. Clint seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Clint moved to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023 Board meeting. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

V. TREASURERS REPORT

Financials and bills were presented through May 31 including new account. Amanda will check about transferring 1 month to new LGIP. OACD dues were \$1,204.73. Extra SIP money needed to be paid back. Clint moved to pay back extra SIP money in the amount of \$18,262.26 and Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nick moved to approve the bills as presented and Clint seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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VI. STAFF UPDATES

A. District Manager – See attached.

- a. Grant Updates –
 - i. 221-6038—working on completion report and final fund request.
 - ii. 222-046—submitted & received fund request.
 - iii. 219-9001—Submitted & received fund request.
 - iv. 220-8010—submitted & received fund request.
 - v. ODA—Submitted new application.
 - vi. Small grants—attended SG Team 16 meeting, received payment for 16-22-007.
 - vii. SIA—Maria sent letters for Opportunity landowners.
- b. Building Update—Kara gave the building update. There was more rock than they thought there would be to get through, will find out more at next bi-weekly meeting.
- c. Other—
 - i. Amanda’s summer schedule will be the same as last year’s for harvest
 - ii. Meetings/Trainings
 - John Day Basin Partnership meeting
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 - 16 Small Grant Team
 - Crop Tour
 - iii. Fish Hatchery field trip with 5th grade class
 - iv. Presenting at 4H Camp

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel

- a. Vacant Position--Technician
 - i. Planning to advertise for a technician about a month before the building will be done.
 - ii. Marylou had her 60-day evaluation. Will be discussed in Executive session.

B. County Cost Share –

- a. Application Updates/Changes—Amanda presented the CCS application with the new changes. Nick moved to approve new CCS application and Josh seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
 - i. \$20,000 cap per landowner or entity in a 5-year period
 - ii. \$7500 year limit with the 25% match
 - iii. Extend deadline to 2 years for completion
 - iv. 3 applications combined into 1 application
- b. Applications—1 new application
 - i. Haul Road--Clint moved to approve and Nick seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

C. FY 23-24 Budget

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- a. The Budget Resolution was passed around to Board members and read out loud by Jess. Total adopted budget is \$2,062,593 with a tax rate of \$0.26 per \$1000. Clint moved to approve the budget resolution and Nick seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Watershed Education Grant
 - a. Marylou presented the Education Grant from Deanna Christiansen with Prevention. The OYCC Summer Work Program youth will purchase supplies to provide planters to each of the Senior Center housing units, as well as adding flowers and plants to the Sherman County Fairgrounds and Wasco School Event Center. Clint moved to approve the Prevention/OYCC grant for \$2000. Nick seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Annual Work Plan
 - a. The Annual Work Plan was presented to the Board. Nick moved to approve the Annual Work Plan and Josh seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. NRCS – Misty did not receive CSP funding that she was hoping to. Only 2 out of 30 applications were funded for Sherman County. More points will be given in the future for cover crops, field borders, etc. Misty will email the Board with the list of IRA practices. Everybody received CRP. Becky and Misty will start doing conservation plans. There are 35 applications for EQIP—starting those this summer. Damon Brosnan (Basin Team Leader) presented information about IRA funding, this year it is 2.75 million, should go up next year to 3.25 million. He said that EQIP gets the majority of the funding. He talked about how IRA only funds Climate Smart projects, cover crops, no till. Damon stated that Sherman County is Zone 3. Damon said that Oregon got the max amount of any state in the US. Misty and Amanda are going to look at ranking questions for EQIP.
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- C. OSU Extension—Not present

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ORS 192.660(2)(i) and 192.660(8) to review employee performance was called at 9:43 am. The board resumed normal session at 9:46 am. **Exit Executive session;** Nick moved to approve moving Marylou up one step on the pay step and Clint seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is September 12th at 8:30 am.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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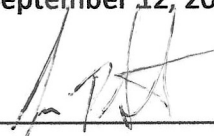
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Nick von Borstel, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Directors September 12, 2023:



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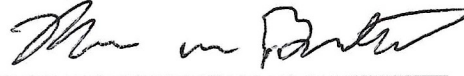
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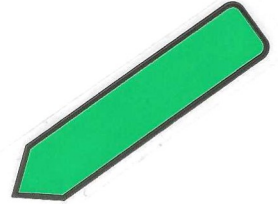


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