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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2021

Monument Senior Center

Monthly Board Meeting

Call to Order – Jim Bahrenburg called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Board of Directors in attendance – Brian Campbell, Jim Bahrenburg and Troy Cox

Staff – BA Robbins (District Manager), Greg Hill (Project Manager)

Guests: Aaron Roth- NRCS District Conservationist, Bill Newman, Top Ranch Manager, Judy Cavender, local Monument resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brian Campbell to approve the meeting minutes from 3/1/2021 and seconded by Troy Cox. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Aaron Roth gave updates on EQIP and CSP deadlines, described the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) for guests and informed the board of new soil conservationists and CREP tech hires. Aaron also answered questions NRCS operations, services provided to landowners and project potential contingent on funding increases.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Project Manager Report: Greg gave updates on the status of open OWEB projects, field work planning, gaining access to the the RCPP portal, development of two OWEB spring open solicitation grant cycle projects, postponing an ODA weed board grant application for fall 2021.
2. Financial Report: BA gave her financial report and updated the board on a short list of herbicide customers designated as “cash only” based on previous un-paid sales. Troy Cox made a motion to approve the financial report and was seconded by Brian Campbell. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Budget Committee: A Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for 4/21/2021 @ 2:00 pm at the MSWCD office. Committee members will be Troy Cox, Jim Bahrenburg and BA Robbins. Budget recommendations will be brought to the May 3rd board meeting.
4. Monument Vegetation Management (MVM) Report: BA informed the board of the next Battalion Pro seminar to occur on 8/18. Aaron Roth discussed recent research on the

Battalion pro product with meeting attendees. BA then updated the board on spray equipment maintenance, status of the Pine Creek Conservation area contract bid and zoom meetings with Jessi Brunson for MNF weed control planning.

OLD BUSINESS

1. LAC Meeting: BA informed the board that the meeting has been rescheduled for 6/30/2021 and also gave handouts with information about the LAC.
2. SIA Demonstration Virtual Meeting Update: BA gave a summary of the recent SIA meeting and reiterated the MSWCD's position on SIA as it relates to involvement with regulatory actions. BA also passed out a position statement put out by Wheeler SWCD that reflected the MSWCD's stance relative to the SIA's.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Associate Directors, General Discussion: BA ask all meeting attendees for any input on Associate Director positions.
2. Public Comments: Guests express appreciation how informative the meeting was and for Aaron Roth's attendance and input.
3. OWEB new focus for future grants: 1) Climate, how our grants will impact the current State of Oregon climate agenda 2) Diversity, Inclusion & Equity is a new focus coming from the State government, these issues will begin to be explored and ways to address them through our grants, programs and policies.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

A brief discussion was had regarding the recent OWEB emphasis on addressing climate change and diversity, equity and inclusion in project applications.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm

MEETINGS:

Next MSWCD board meeting to be held at the Monument Senior Center on May 3, 2021 at 5 pm.

Approved by:


Chairman/Vice Chairman

5/3/21
Date


Recorded and submitted by

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Date