



**Columbia  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District**

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**Minutes of the  
Columbia SWCD Board of Directors  
Meeting September 17, 2025**

**Directors Present:**

Michael Calhoun, Chair  
Debra Brimacombe, Vice Chair  
Bill Eagle, Treasurer  
Paul Gibbons, Secretary  
Dave Freytag, Director  
Jason Busch, Director

**CSWCD Staff:**

Taylor Murray, District Manager  
Amber Kester, Resource Conservationist  
Crystalyn Bush, Resource Conservationist  
Jennifer Chavez, Operations & Outreach Coordinator  
Rebekah Gaxiola, Resource Conservationist (via Zoom)

**Associate Directors:**

Rachell Meyers, Scappoose Bay Watershed  
Council (SBWC)  
David Taylor

**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
(NRCS):**

Hannah Isaacs, District Conservationist

**Public:**

Claudia Eagle  
Rachael Barry, Lower Columbia River  
Watershed Council (LCRWC)

***Michael called the board meeting to order at 3:59 PM***

**Prior Month's Minutes: Bill moved, and Jason seconded a motion to approve the Minutes from the Board meeting held on 8-20-25, as presented. **Approved Motion passed unanimously.****

Vote Record: Approve August 20, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

Director	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Motion	Seconded
Paul Gibbons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Dave Freytag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Debra Brimacombe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Bill Eagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michael Calhoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Jason Busch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Financial Report:** Bill read the Treasurer's report aloud.

**Paul moved, and Deb seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from 8-31-25. **Approved Motion passed unanimously.****

Vote Record: Accept the Financial Report from August.

Director	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Motion	Seconded
Paul Gibbons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dave Freytag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Debra Brimacombe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bill Eagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Michael Calhoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Jason Busch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				



**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Sign June Minutes for Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP):** A rep from the District's LGIP account has requested a signed copy of the minutes from June, when the motion was made to make Malysa the LGIP administrator. Paul signed the minutes.
- **Strategic Planning:** Taylor explained that he, Amber, and Paul toured the Quarry in Goble last week as a potential venue. Discussion was held. Taylor added that Amy Stork will be reaching out to the Board and Staff to begin interviews.
- **Cyber Attack:** Taylor has one more meeting scheduled with the security firm that was investigating the attack. He explained that our IT team is still hesitant to release all permissions back to Malysa's phone and has mentioned the possibility of changing the VPN (virtual private network). Taylor plans to invite IT team to sit in on call with the firm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Volunteer Opportunities/Upcoming Events:** Amber explained that all board members are welcome/encouraged to volunteer and represent the District at community events. She added that the Strategic Planning is a great opportunity to make interests heard. Discussion was held to determine the preferred method of staying informed of events. Jason mentioned that he likes the column on the agenda, and Paul would like to see the volunteer opportunities stand out from other upcoming events. Paul asked if volunteers can be outside of the board, they can and are. Taylor added that he and Amber attended the recent Fair Board Meeting, which went well. They discussed the Ag building contract between the District and Fair Board, and the idea of a new vendor application for informational booths at the fair. Discussion was held. Amber noted that the Fair Board also has work sessions and recommends partners to attend.
- **Staff Position Descriptions:** Taylor explained that he had hoped to have new position descriptions for staff to present, but is running behind. They should be available to review at the next board meeting.

**BOARD REPORTS**

- Jason shared that the Nehalem Valley is still very dry. The River is low and he has already begun feeding his cows.

Jason also noted that the date on the draft minutes from August is incorrect.

**Jason moved, and Bill seconded a motion** to correct the date of the minutes from the August Board meeting. **Approved Motion passed unanimously.**

Vote Record: Correct the date on the minutes presented from last month's meeting

Director	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Motion	Seconded
Paul Gibbons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Dave Freytag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Debra Brimacombe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Bill Eagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Calhoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Jason Busch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- Bill reported that he will be meeting with Amy on October 1<sup>st</sup> for his interview, and is looking forward to it. Taylor informed Dave that he will assist him in setting up his interview.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4 :33 PM**

Respectfully Submitted by: *Jennifer Chavez*  
 Jennifer Chavez, Operations & Outreach Coordinator

APPROVED 10.28.25