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Minutes of the Columbia SWCD Board of Directors Meeting November 15, 2023

Directors Present: SWCD Staff:

Debra Brimacombe, Vice Chair Malyssa Legg, District Manager

Jeff VanNatta (Treasurer) Selene Keeney, Resource Conservationist

Bill Eagle, Secretary

Dae Freytag Columbia SWCD Associate Directors:

Michael Calhoun, Chair Barbara Travis

Rachell Meyers, SBWC Council

Public: Coordinator/CSWCD Associate Director (Via

Claudia Eagle Zoom)

Alison Charbonneau (via Zoom)

Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS): LCEP:
Hannah Issacs, District
Aaron Guffy

Conservationist

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 4:00 PM

Prior Month's Minutes: Motion VanNatta/Brimacombe to approve the Minutes from 10-26-23. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Financial Reports: **Motion Eagle/Freytag** to accept the Financial Reports from 10-31-23. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**.

<u>Bills to Pay</u>: Motion Eagle/Brimacombe approve to pay the bills. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.

BILLS TO PAY (US Bank) November 15, 2023					
				Expenditure Splits	
Ck#	Payee	Memo	Amount	CSWCD	GRANT
2966	Pershing LLC	Retirement	\$3,271.04	\$3,271.04	\$0.00
2967	Bemis	Annual Report printing and delivery	\$2,533.53	\$0.00	\$2,533.53
2968	SDAO	Annual Dues	\$782.00	\$782.00	\$0.00
2969	Umpqua Financial	2021/2022 Audit	\$13,450.00	\$6,725.00	\$6,725.00
		SUBTOTALS >>>>>>	\$20,036.57	\$10,778.04	\$9,258.53
TOTAL REQUESTS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>					\$20,036.57

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

LCEP PRESENTATION

Aaron from LCEP gave a presentation about Grattix boxes Grattix boxes are a simple, innovative stormwater solution to reduce zinc and copper from roof runoff. Designed by the Port of Vancouver, the Grattix box is essentially an above-ground rain garden in a box. The costs of the fully assembled Grattix boxes and shipping are funded by a grant from the U.S. EPA through the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program. The SWCD received one a few weeks ago. Discussion was had about plants to use and where else in the County would be a good place to have one installed.

REPORTS

- NRCS: Report: Hannah is still waiting for a new Soil Con. We almost had a new one, but they received an offer in their current state and decided to stay. Expected to have more contacts than ever, hopeful that new person will be here soon.
- <u>Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC):</u> The folks that hold the Salmon Festival are retiring. The council will be discussing taking over the festival so it can keep running.
- **SBWC:** Rachell informed us that Alex is moving on to new adventures. Taylor has been hired for the position.
- **SWCD Staff**: **Selene:** a contract committee meeting was held. Insurance limits are being discussed regarding smaller contracts like cleaning, maintenance, etc. Carcus Creek project has been implemented and will be planted next. The landowner is happy with the project and there is a possibility of phase 2.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Zone 4 Director**: We are incompliance for Zone 4. ODA had Zone 3 listed twice, but that has been fixed. No changes need to be made to our board.

NEW BUSINESS

OACD Board elections: We were sent a ballot from OACD to make our picks as a board for OACD Directors up for elections. Candidates were reviewed. Motion Eagle/VanNatta approve to cast votes for Michael Calhoun and Jan Lee. Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote. Malyssa will send vote to Andrea at OACD.

BOARD REPORTS

• Deb showed that the signs that were made for Emerald ash boar, held up to the elements and still looked good.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Malyssa Legg

Malyssa Legg, District Manager