



**Minutes of the
Columbia SWCD Board of Directors
Meeting February 15, 2023**

Directors Present:

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

Associate Director:

Alison Charbonneau

Public:

Claudia Eagle

SWCD Staff:

Malyssa Legg, District Manager
Jennifer Chavez, Operations Coordinator

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

Hannah Isaacs, District Conservationist

**Scappoose Bay Watershed Council
(SBWC):**

Rachell Meyers, Council Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 4:08 PM

Swearing in of New Board Members: Motion Eagle/Brimacombe to appoint Jeff VanNatta to the position of director of Zone 3 until the next general election. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.** Jeff was sworn in by Jason.

Officer Nominations and Approval:

Motion Jeff cast a unanimous ballot to keep all officers the same. **Jeff withdrew the motion.**

- Jason called for nominations for Chair.
Eagle/Busch moved to elect Deb. Deb nominated Jason, Jason withdrew.
VanNatta/Brimacombe moved to elect Michael. Discussion was held. A secret vote was taken; **Michael: 3, Deb:2. Motion Approved** to elect Michael as chair.
- Jason called for nominations for Vice Chair.
Busch/Eagle moved to elect Deb. Brief discussion held. **Motion Eagle/VanNatta moved** to cast a unanimous ballot for Deb as Vice Chair. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Jason called for nominations for Treasurer.
Eagle/Freytag moved to elect Jeff. **Motion Eagle/Busch** cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff as Treasurer. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Jason called for nominations for Secretary.
Busch/Brimacombe moved to elect Bill. **Motion VanNatta/Freytag** cast a unanimous ballot for Bill as Secretary. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote**
Michael took over running the Board meeting as Chair.

Prior Month's Minutes: Motion Busch/ Eagle to approve the Minutes from 1-18-23. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Distribution Agreement:** A copy of the agreement was provided to the Board. Jeff explained the agreement to the Board. Discussion was held. **Motion Eagle/Busch** to approve that the agreement be signed. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Lower Columbia River Watershed Council (LCRWC) Fiscal Sponsorship:** Malyssa explained the current situation with the SWCD as the fiscal sponsor of the council. She asked the Board if they would like to remain as the council's fiscal sponsor. Bill would like the district to offer to help the council become a 501c3. Discussion was held.
- **Contracting Rules/Policies:** Malyssa explained that she would like the district's new lawyer to review a few policies, and Selene would like to work with the lawyer on contracting rules. Brief discussion held. **Motion Busch/VanNatta** to approve Malyssa to have policies updated. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **HB 2998:** Bill explained that he would like to see the district support the House Bill, adding that it will mean more money for Oregon. Brief discussion held. **Motion VanNatta/Eagle** to approve that the CSWCD support HB 2998. **Approved Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Busch/Eagle moved to adjourn the meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:17 PM

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