

Monday, November 14, 2022; 6:00-7:30 PM
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, Bob Morris, Jerry Paul, Eliza Mason, Kerry Hastings, Faye Yoshihara (Emeritus)

Board Members Absent: Graham Trask, Henry Storch

Associate Directors Present: Marcella Henkels, Rana Foster (by phone)

Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Teresa Matteson, Donna Schmitz, Sara Roberts, Candace Mackey

Others Present: Deb Merchant (minutes), Henry Pitts (student Associate Director candidate), Aubrey Cloud (Associate Director candidate), Lynn Porta (NAYPM guest presenter)

Call to Order

[Johnson] 6:04 pm

Introductions, Public Comments, Announcements, Additions/Changes to Agenda

Additions to agenda:

- New staff and guest introductions.
- Eliza – what happened to Graham Trask?
 - Per Nate, he is not running again, but will serve his term through December 31, 2022. The open spot, until filled, could present quorum problems if at least four Directors are not present at meetings.
 - Per Holly: If Graham fulfills his full term through December 31st, the board can appoint another Zone 4 Director as soon as the January 23rd board meeting if all Director eligibility requirements are met by the candidate. Or, if Graham were to officially resign before December 12th, the Board could appoint a new Zone 4 Director at the December meeting as long as ODA has confirmed the candidate meets all eligibility criteria before the meeting.
- Holly: arranged with Chris Bentley a tour of Confluence in the coming two weeks (see more detail below)
- Holly: Oregon Agricultural Trust (OAT) staff and ED will present to BSWCD at December meeting.
- Holly: January 2023 annual meeting and limits on number of attendees (see more detail below).

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approve draft minutes from October 11, 2022 Board Meeting:** Discussion: none
- **Approve Financials for 9/30/22:** Discussion: none

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda: Kerry/Bob (vote 5/5); All approved.

- Kerry Hastings: Correction to Agenda; Wild & Scenic Film Festival date is Nov. 18th

REGULAR AGENDA

- Lynn Porta provided an introduction to the North American Youth Parliament for Water (NAYPW) where she serves as co-President. She Introduced student BSWCD Associate Director candidate, Henry Pitts.

Meet student Associate Director candidate, Henry Pitts

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- Shared PowerPoint presentation about NAYPW's global, national and local purpose, projects, partnerships and impacts on watersheds and youth. He's in policy, science and engineering at OSU.
 - Per Holly: Sara Roberts is BSWCD's liaison to Henry and Lynn. Please refer to packet information regarding roles and responsibilities for student Associate Director position.

MOTION: Appoint Henry Pitts as new student Associate Director: Bob / Eliza (vote 5/5); All Approved.

Meet Associate Director candidate, Aubrey Cloud

- Refer to packet and Aubrey's application; Nate offered his verbal support. Aubrey introduced himself.

MOTION: Appoint Aubrey Cloud as new Associate Director: Eliza /Jerry (vote 5/5); All Approved.

New Staff Introductions:

- Candace Mackey's first day as Operations Coordinator. Candace is new to Corvallis and inspired to restore her own riparian lands. She approached BSWCD as part of learning how Oregon addresses soil and water issues. Conservation and sustainable business are her passions.

Mid-Willamette Agricultural Water Quality Management Area review

- Donna: shared presentation (see packet). Biennial review this week will evaluate mercury and TMDL rules and accomplishments in the Luckiamute River and Marys River that includes agricultural lands (see map). Rules reviewed with Board several months ago. Everyone is invited to attend the Nov. 16, 6pm (virtual and in-person) meeting at the NRCS Plant Materials Center, Hwy. 20.

Benton SWCD Director Election Results

- Holly: Nate Johnson, Kerry Hastings, Marcella Henkels and David Barron were elected by ballot on November 8th during the general election. New Directors Marcella and David must take Oath of Office in January 2023 before taking up official BSWCD duties. ODA will send BSWCD the official election vote tally which Holly will forward to the Board.

OACD/SWCC (Soil and Water Conservation Commission) meeting update:

- Holly reported on the Nov 2 SWCC meeting that was held at the OACD annual meeting in Newport to discuss Oregon SWCD Director eligibility criteria. There was no census reached by the SWCC at the meeting. The topic will be addressed again by the SWCC in the near future.

Renaissance Lease Update

- Holly: 2-year office lease ends March 31, 2023. New monthly rent amount will increase by 3% starting April 1, 2023 and not increase again until new lease opportunity in April 2025), at which time the Confluence might be available for move-in. The increase amounts to \$721 annually over the current amount. Discussion of OSHA consultation recommendations at current office location and how to proceed.

Annual 2023 Board Meeting

- Hybrid annual meeting (in-person and virtual). In order to provide plenty of space for social distancing, can in-person attendance at the annual meeting be limited? Holly had a conversation with Eric at ODA. To ensure we comply with public meeting law it was suggested we do not cap attendance at a particular

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number and then require the balance of attendees to attend virtually. Anyone who wants to attend can do so in person. The Community Center and Corvallis Museum room rental costs are higher than what we typically spent at the Public Library location, but they are more than adequate for in-person attendance.

Confluence Tour

- Must take place from 12pm – 1pm; small groups only. Sara will issue a Doodle Poll.
 - This week Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 - Next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon

Staff Reports

None

Meeting Adjourned

[Johnson] 7:27 pm