Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:00-7:30 PM Board Meeting To join Zoom Video Conference:



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BENTON SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA

| Goal | Item | Lead | Time | ACTION |
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| | Call to Order, Introductions, Public Comments, | Johnson | 6:00 | |
| | Announcements, Additions to Agenda | | | |
| | BOARD MEETING CONSENT AGENDA | Johnson | 6:05 | ACTION |
| 5 | Approve draft Minutes from October 7 Board | | | |
| | Meeting | | | |
| 5 | Approve Financials (9/30/24) | | | |
| | REGULAR AGENDA | | | |
| 5 | Appoint Charli Carroll as Associate Director | Carroll/ | 6:06 | ACTION |
| | (application in packet) | Johnson | | |
| 5 | Appoint Michael Rhodes as Associate Director | Rhodes/ | 6:11 | ACTION |
| | (application in packet) | Johnson | | |
| 5 | Appoint Jennifer McCrae as Budget Committee | McRae/ | 6:16 | ACTION |
| | member (application in packet; fills Charli Carroll's | Johnson | | |
| | last year of her 3-year term ending Dec 2025) | | | |
| 1-5 | OACD annual meeting update, link to | Crosson | 6:21 | |
| | presentations <u>2024 Annual Conference</u> | | | |
| | <u>Presentations - Oregon Association of</u> | | | |
| | Conservation Districts | | | |
| 5 | Executive Director Recruitment update | Henkels/ | 6:25 | |
| | | Johnson | | |
| 1 | Oak Partnership update | Ahr | 6:35 | |
| 3, 5 | DEIJ Retreat Nov 19 - any questions? | All | 6:40 | |
| 5 | FY24 Audit update | Crosson | 6:50 | |
| 5 | Board Director election results and questions from | Crosson | 7:00 | |
| | Benton County taxpayers about BSWCD | | | |
| 1-5 | Questions from Board on BSWCD and NRCS | Directors/ | 7:15 | |
| | activities | Staff/NRCS | | |
| | Meeting Adjourned | Johnson | 7:30 | |

Strategic Direction Goals 2022-2027

Goal #1: Ensure that the soil, water, and ecosystems of Benton County, including diverse habitats on wild, working, and urban lands, are protected, restored, and resilient.

Goal #2: Deliver engaging education and outreach opportunities that inspire residents throughout Benton County to protect and restore soil, water, and habitat.

Goal #3: Develop clear, consistent communications so people throughout Benton County can easily participate in Benton SWCD services and take action to steward our resources.

Goal #4: Enhance our strategic partnerships and revenue to increase Benton SWCD's impact.

Goal #5: Implement operations that support highly effective programs and services.

| BSWCD Board and Outreach Events (subject to change) | | | | |
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| Date/Time | Event | Location | | |
| Tues. Nov. 12 6:00pm-7:30pm | BSWCD Regular Board Meeting | Zoom | | |
| Tues. Nov. 19 9:00am-1:00pm | DEIJ Training | Bald Hill Farmhouse 5700 SW Reservoir Ave. Corvallis, OR 97333 | | |
| Weds. Dec. 18 5:30pm-8:00pm | Public Meetings Law Webinar | Meeting Registration - Zoom | | |
| Mon. Dec. 23 12:00pm-2:30pm | Public Meetings Law Webinar | Meeting Registration - Zoom | | |
| Friday Jan. 3 2025, 1:00pm-3:30pm | Public Meetings Law Webinar | Meeting Registration - Zoom | | |
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Check our website calendar regularly for additional items that are still being finalized: https://bentonswcd.org/activities/calendar/

Monday, October 7, 2024 6:00-8:00 PM



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, Marcella Henkels, Eliza Mason, David Barron, Greg Jones,

Aubrey Cloud, Kerry Hastings

<u>Board Members Absent:</u> None

<u>Associate Directors:</u> Rana Foster

Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Teresa Matteson, Sara Roberts (minutes), Cierra Dawson

Others Present: Ty Terlaak, Stephanie Rice, Henry Pitts, Garrett Terlaak

Call to Order - Johnson (6:02pm)

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

Introductions: Each introduced themselves and their roles.

Public Comments: none.

Announcements: David: Philomath HS football team is 5-0 and field is being watered and the soil

managed very well.

Additions to agenda: Nate: reminder of required online trainings for directors, addition of Cierra's introduction/discussion of new position. Holly: Ty's student Associate Director application didn't make it into the packet but will be screen shared during that agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve draft Minutes from September 9, 2024, Board Meeting
- Approve Financials (8/31/24)

Discussion: Nate Johnson gives a quick overview of this agenda item and its role in our

meetings.

MOTION: Nate Johnson Second: Eliza Mason

Results: Pass 6/0 (Temporarily left the meeting: David Barron)

REGULAR AGENDA

• Michael introduces Cierra Dawson and the new Conservation Outreach Program Assistant position

 Work thus far: Bulb and Seed Sale, site visits, overview of Sara/Michael programs and projects, Salmon Watch training

• Executive Director Recruitment Update:

 Marcella Henkels provided some updates - Trudy (from Cascade Employer's Association-the firm hired to help) attended the recent PFC meeting where they discussed what they'd like her to help with for recruitment. The current task is

All documents referenced in these minutes are a part of the official record and can be distributed upon request.

finalizing the job description and creating a job posting/announcement (to be posted Oct 15, closing October 31st). Holly Crosson will publicly announce her retirement in the next few days – just a quick notice, and Holly will draft a longer farewell letter later in the year. PFC will start pre-screening of applications Nov 1st, select candidates for interviews (1st round Zoom, 2nd round in-person). The offer could be made as early as Dec. 9. Holly will stay on for some time after new ED hire to help with the transition, if requested.

• Budget Resolution FY2024-2025-02 Correction

Discussion: Michael Ahr explains it's a minor error and this will replace the last version of the resolution.

MOTION: Nate Johnson Second: Greg Jones

Results: Pass 6/0 (Temporarily left the meeting: David Barron)

Budget Resolution FY2024-2025-03

Discussion: donation of \$500 for Youth Education from Carol Carpenter.

MOTION: Nate Johnson Second: Kerry Hastings

Results: Pass 6/0 (Temporarily left the meeting: David Barron)

• Associate Director Criteria Discussion

Discussion: clarifying particular requirements. Background: Holly Crosson did some research with ODA and discovered there's no statutory requirement for associate directors. Discussion: do we want to have any kind of requirement (residency etc.) for associates to serve on our board?

- o Greg Jones says the less restrictions the better. Kerry Hastings says most important is interest in conservation rather than age. Nate Johnson says that someone not local likely wouldn't have interest, but we can cross that bridge if we come to it. Holly Crosson clarifies that associate director applications don't go to ODA for review.
- o ACTION: Nate Johnson moves that associate directors should have no requirements; appointments are at the discretion of the board. Second: Greg Jones. Results: Pass 6/0 (Temporarily left the meeting: David Barron)

Overview of NAYPW Student Association position (Henry Pitts), and introduction of Ty Terlaak, nominee for Student Associate Director

Discussion: Great application, general support for having youth on our board. We've now had 4 student associates and it's been a positive experience for all. Thanks to Henry! Henry shares that this position at Benton SWCD was mentioned in a UN report about youth participation that was shared across the world!

MOTION: Nate Johnson Second: Kerry Hastings

Results: Pass 6/0 (Temporarily left the meeting: David Barron)

Native Bulb and Seed Sale Recap

- o Sara Roberts shares a summary of sales, volunteers, comparison to last year.
- o Michael Ahr talks about inventory decisions and possible changes for next year.

Office Water Leak Remediation Update

o Holly Crosson: all repairs are complete! There's new laminate flooring in Candace's area which looks great. The only thing we're still waiting on is a few pieces of furniture that needed replacing. PuroClean did a great job and were good to work with.

 Kerry Hastings asks if they got to the root cause to ensure it won't happen again? We hope so... the resident above us who caused the flood was spoken with, but we're not sure if there are other issues.

• Salmon Watch Volunteer Reminder

 Sara Roberts shares this year's dates and the link for how to sign up to volunteer or shadow.

Questions from Board on BSWCD and NRCS activities-

- Stephanie Rice (NRCS): Still have acting conservationist, Jan, but by next month we should have a permanent person. Just finished FY24, numbers are in packet. Hoping to get deadlines for FY25 soon, EQUIP deadline should be early November. Let Stephanie know if she can help with any site visits etc. New permanent state conservationist for Oregon is Greg Becker.
- o Nate Johnson: CC bills some items on statements were not initialed. We ran through those items and confirmed those not initialed. Holly Crosson explains that sometimes there are no initials because statements arrived prior to when CCRs are submitted.

• Mandatory training for Directors

- o Nate Johnson asks everyone to look in the packet for the list of online training webinars. He'll send reminders to get set up and sit through these trainings. Marcella Henkels notes the first available she could find was November 19th they seem to fill up quickly. Check out the website for available dates when registering see link in packet (page 2).
- Other Board Business-

Meeting Adjourned - **Johnson** (7:11pm)

Crosson October staff report for November 2024 Board Meeting Goal 5:Transition Readiness Planning update (Task 5.15)

| Transition Readiness Framework | Holly | Michael | Candace | Status | Notes |
|--|-------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| FIGORI | | | | | |
| FISCAL | | | | | |
| Budget Law training for appropriate staff and Board | Х | X | | completed | Nate attended |
| Budget prep training with Holly (including committee packet) | Х | Х | Х | ongoing | FY25 and FY26 |
| New funding opportunities | Х | | | ongoing | proposal calls to staff |
| Recruit Treasurer | Х | | | ongoing | 4 Board agendas, web |
| Develop new Financial Policy | X | | | in progress | collected examples |
| Audit training and review | X | X | X | ongoing | meeting set for 11/15 |
| 12-year review of finances | | | | in progress | in staff rpt Dec/Jan |
| HUMAN RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Create Natural Resource Conservation management position | X | | | completed | hired NRCPM in 2021 |
| Supervisor training for NRCPM | | Х | | completed | 8-week HRA seminar |
| Plan/Budget for FY25 Pay Equity and Comp Study | X | | | early 2025 | pay range, org structure |
| Develop Agreement with HR Consultant for ED transition | Х | | | completed | HC signed July 2024 |
| Update Executive DirectorJob Description | Х | | | completed | HC with CEA and PFC |
| Contract CEA for ED pay range study | X | | | completed | HC presented to PFC |
| Establish authority for ED recruitment/hiring decisions | X | | | completed | HC with board |
| Decide which ED recruitment tasks CEA will take on | X | | | completed | HC facilitate; PFC decide |
| Develop ED recruitment announcement & timeline with CEA | X | | | completed | PFC and CEA |
| Recruit /advertise ED job description | Х | | | completed w/CEA | HC - OED; SDAO; others |
| Update Resource Conservationist job description and post | X | X | | completed | review/edit for MA |
| Review/update as necessary all other job descriptions | Х | Х | | in progress | |
| Team Building | X | X | | ongoing | last retreat held 2023 |
| Organizational Knowledge Transfer (esp with retiring staff) | X | X | | ongoing with staff | work with direct reports |
| Workforce Development | Х | Х | | ongoing | Skillbridge, temp/interns |
| Capacity Building through adding new staff position | Х | Х | | completed | Conservation Outreach |
| Employment Law professional development/training | X | X | X | ongoing | BOLI, SDAO, HC coaching |
| Updates to Employee Handbook | X | | | ongoing | |
| Paid Leave Oregon Policy | Х | | | completed | adopted FY24 |
| Employee Recognition Award Policy | Х | | | completed | adopted FY24 |
| Employee Retention and new Benefits | Х | | | ongoing | PFC adopted March 2024 |
| Meet with Chris Carnahan to review HRA VEBA plan | Х | | Х | completed | 10/22/24 meeting |

Crosson October staff report for November 2024 Board Meeting Goal 5:Transition Readiness Planning update (Task 5.15)

| Review employee retirement contribution requirements | Х | | | ongoing | suggest changes to PFC |
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| STRATEGIC | | | | | |
| Strategic Plan/Themes/Values | Х | | | completed w/staff/board | FY 2023-2027 |
| 3 Focus groups with 18 key strategic partnerships | X | | | completed | 202 |
| Community Needs Assessment | X | | | review results with Sara | 2 focus groups held 2024 |
| Advance DEIJ/Equity Committee/trainings | Х | X | | ongoing | committee, retreat 2024 |
| Board training | Х | | Х | ongoing | |
| Board Associate Director recruitment | Х | | | completed | Rhodes/Carroll |
| Budget Committee recruitment | Х | | | completed | Loper/McRae |
| NAYPW student Associate Director recruitment | Х | | | completed | Ty Terlaak appointed |
| Develop draft list of District's current and emerging needs | Х | X | | in progress | for board & new ED |
| Onboarding new ED in 2025 | Х | | | TBD | HC part-time overlap? |
| Develop FY25 Work Plan | Х | | | completed | with all staff |
| Evaluate organizational structure | X | | | TBD | with board/consultant |
| OPERATIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE | | | | | |
| Update Board Roles and Responsibilties | Х | | | completed | |
| Update Signature and Authorization Matrix | Х | | | completed | |
| Update Safety protocols, emergency plan, and procure PPE | х | | Х | completed | |
| Recommend Continuity of Operations Plan | Х | | | ongoing | collecting examples |
| Update Public Contracting Rules and Procedures | Х | | | in progress | |
| Update Operations Manual | Х | | Х | in progress | |
| Update Office Information Manual and contacts | | | Х | completed | |
| Board decision matrix - historical summary | Х | | Х | in progress | |
| Director Elections - addressing questions from voters | Х | | | completed | |
| Meet with Confluence partners | Х | | | met w/GLT and MRWC | mid-2026 completion? |
| Evaluate Renaissance lease renewal | X | X | Х | ongoing | lease up March 31, 2025 |
| Evaluate/update website; anticipate FY26 cost increase | Х | | | ongoing | with Sara/Streamline |
| Update/renew Workers Comp | Х | | Х | completed | |
| Update/renew Cybersecurity | Х | | Х | completed | |
| Determine last day for HC; submit resignation letter and farewell | Х | | | TBD | working on it! |
| Plan HC retirement party | X | | Х | ongoing | mid-to late Janaury 2025 |

Michael Ahr

NR Conservation Program Manager - Staff Report for October 2024



Oregon White Oak

Oak habitat work was a focus in October. Cierra and I attended a site visit with beautiful, mature oaks near Philomath (shown in photo). The visit was instigated by landowner interest in the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Management Program that Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is reviving. BSWCD and other partners are talking about how to support this program where landowners can get tax deferral for managing oak habitat rather than trying to work timber harvest of agricultural production into their management plan.

We convened a group of local partners (think confluence partners + agency folks) who work on oak for a 90-minute sharing session. The meeting was simple – share what you've been doing with oak, and we highlighted a few specific updates from ODFW and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The idea is to follow this up with some GIS mapping of oak and we'll go onward from there looking for projects.

We've talked off and on with Oregon Agricultural Trust about building partnership and I made a plan with Nellie McAdams (Executive Director) to partner on a workshop with them next year.

I continue to help plan the Oak and Prairie Summit on 11/25 and will summarize at next Board Meeting

Staffing & Partnership

Cierra and I worked together early in the month to get her



oriented to several things and acquaint her with the Cooperative Weed Management Area. I also worked with Teresa as she led us through the completion of our first ODA Quarterly Report without Donna at the helm. Teresa and I have also been connecting with NRCS and enjoy open sharing with them about upcoming staff changes and evolution at both organizations. We're establishing stronger lines of communication with District Conservationist Stephanie Rice.

Benton County Intergovernmental Agreement

In October, Cierra and I attended an update/training on emerald ash borer. The training inspired us to present EAB as one of the topics for the Benton County Roads Crew this fall (as part of our annual IGA). We the crew 5 times per year and share updates on high priority noxious weeds – but decided to shake things up with an EAB presentation this month. We also presented Tree of Heaven and partnered with Greenbelt Land Trust to attract 12 volunteers to a weed pull event by Lupine Meadows.

Staff Report: September 21 to October 20, 2024

OUTREACH IS THE KEY TO CONSERVATION SUCCESS!



2024 Native Bulb And Seed Sale 9/28 to 9/29

Accomplishments:

Piggy back on local event Fall Festival. Draw from wealth of loyal volunteers. Native plants is our connection to Benton County residents. Selling bulbs and seeds provides another opportunity to talk conservation.

In progress: This year we used two





Busy seed and bulb sale (left). Clean up crew (right)

tents, one for orders and transactions (this could be the smaller tent); the other for outreach, plant information, demonstrations, and chatting with folks.

Needs Attention: Follow up staff meeting to capture lessons and insights, Make a hanging sign that says Native Plants. Reconsider volunteer needs and shifts—perfect on early Saturday shift—super busy, Sunday after church there is a brief flush of purchases. Mostly need outreach staff to chat with passers-by to discuss what we do, where we work, how we are funded, and share the love of natives and conservation practices.

Management changes create opportunity
Accomplishments: A lot of the area west of
Monroe was Christmas tree farms. Over the
years the tree farms have been divided into
smaller acreage rural residential properties.
Landowners acquire land with large fir that
may pose wildfire threats to their homes.
When logged, a fresh landscape canvas
appears in need of restoration and
conservation practices. After my initial site
visit with Rann and Doreen Millar, they
stopped by the Native Bulb and Seed Sale to



Millar's new landscape canvas

purchase seed. In progress: This month, Cierra and I visited the Millar property to discuss site prep, seeding techniques, landscaping with natives, water patterns across property, seasonal moisture changes, weed management, and what to do with piles of soil mixed with dry vegetation. Andy Gallagher will classify one or two points on the Millar property next month.

Needs Attention: Thanks to native plant outreach, Living on the Land workshops, and the opportunity to offer soil health testing, we are able to reach out to previous contacts for follow-up site visits and to discuss conservation strategies. Look for my November staff report to learn how outreach and the field work continue to fortify relationships with landowners.



Infiltration test!

I am honored to participate on the planning committee for Oregon Climate & Agriculture Network's (OrCAN) upcoming Soil Health Summit slated for January 22, 2025 at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center. It is exciting and rewarding that OrCAN is building on a foundation of soil health education that I've worked on since 2009.



OCT. REPORT FOR SEPT. 2024 BOARD PACKET Sara Roberts, Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator

Salmon Watch

- Going well so far!
- Officially halfway done: 8 programs down, 8 to go
- Lots of salmon in the river, and we've also had some other cool sightings including large freshwater mussels, a dipper, and a kingfisher
- Recruited 7 new volunteers so far this year, with a couple more coming to train next week
- We had two TV reporters stop by and produce the following stories about Salmon Watch:
 - o Benton County students go outdoors to learn the importance of salmon hands-on (KEZI)
 - o Benton County Students explore salmon ecosystems (KVAL)

Winter Native Plant Sale

- Everything running smoothly so far
- Current net sales: \$8,658.25
- 9 products currently sold out

New staff onboarding with Cierra

 Lots of hands-on Salmon Watch training. Cierra also coordinated a program on her own last week. She's doing great!

Community Grants

 Met with all Pollinator Grant recipients to check in on their progress. Everyone is doing well and currently in the process of procuring and planting their plants.







Cierra DawsonConservation Outreach Assistant

A few highlights this month have been:

- 1. First Salmon Watch season is going well! I've taught 3/4 of the stations now (riparian ecology, water quality, and macroinvertebrates). I also coordinated a program date on my own unexpectedly and it was a success!
- Coordinated my first field work day doing oblong spurge removal at two properties here in Corvallis and got to meet/introduce myself to those landowners.
- 3. Created and presented a short presentation on tree of heaven to the Benton County roads crew with Michael.
- 4. Got to meet a couple of the Jerry Paul Pollinator Grant recipients with Sara and hear about the status of their projects.

Things I'm looking forward to working on soon:

- 1. Attending my first Benton CWMA meeting with Michael on Monday November 4th.
- 2. Attending the Willamette Valley Oak and Prairie Cooperative Summit on November 25th.



Staff Report October 2024 - Operations Coordinator

Employee Name: Candace Mackey **Reports to:** Executive Director

Position Summary-This position provides operational and administrative support for the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District ("District"). Operations Coordinator duties are central to the day-to-day smooth functioning and safe operation of the District.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS-Operations Coordination (50%) Organizational Support (45%)

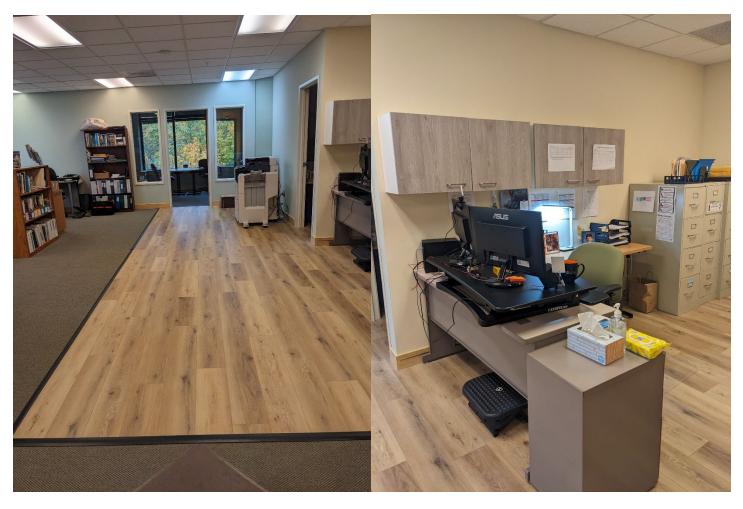
Goal #5: Implement operations that support highly effective programs and services.

Strategies

4. Ensure District operations meet the highest standards of public agency administration.

| 5s. (CM) with HC input, complete Operations Manual final draft by Sept. 30, 2024 | In progress-HC to edit/approve |
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| New Project -Create meeting guidelines for: | In Progress-Editing for Final Draft |
| 1. Technology Needs | |
| 2. Sustainability Goals | |
| 5ae. (CM) Investigate and implement if deemed acceptable; new options for processing Credit Card charges to streamline accounting process by December 31 2024. | This also includes drafting a CC use policy for approval-In progress |

Narrative: In October, the PFC meeting prep was forefront. In addition, restoring our office to normal was top priority, which isn't really a Measurable Objective, but essential to BSWCD Operations. Files from the 24 Audit had not been filed, sorted for document retention, so items from the new Fiscal Year had piled up. Things now are looking good and I'm grateful to our landlord and all of the staff's patience while I sorted it out.





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| to engage Benton County residents in the conservation and stewardship of |
| natural resources for current and future generations. Benton SWCD provides |
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| the floodplains of the Willamette River to the mountains and valleys of the |
| Coast Range. To learn more about how we achieve our mission, read our |
| Strategic Plan. |
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| Name: | _Charlene Carroll | Date:_10/1 | 1/24 | |
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| Email Add | lress: charlimcarroll@ | @icloud.com | | |
| What posi | tion are you applying Director | g for? | | |

Why do you want to serve on the Benton SWCD Board?

I resonate with the goals of conservation efforts, clean water, and restoring wildlife habitat

Describe past experiences or positions held that would assist you as a board member.

currently on Benton County Disposal Advisory Board; currently on BSWCD budget committee; currently Salmon watch volunteer; former land owner in Wren with Kincaid Lupine and Fender's Blue butterflies, etc.

The Benton SWCD's mission is to engage Benton County residents in the conservation and stewardship of natural resources for current and future generations. The District is an Equal Opportunity employer and service provider.

Outline strengths, abilities, and talents that you would bring to the board. Listening, collaborating, enthusiasm. Keen observer. Able to distill issues and offer solutions when appropriate.

In your opinion, what is the most important role of a board member? Work towards the organization goals in collaborative fashion.

If appointed, would you be able to serve the entire term? ___yes__ For information about the election process, click here.



Board Member Application

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| Name: | MIchael Rhoades | | 10/29/24 Date: | |
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| Phone N | 541.929.3685 umber: | Email Address: | mrhoades66@gmail.com | |
| | sition are you applying for? (Click on | one.) | | |
| ☐ Zone [| Director* ☐ At-Large D | irector | ☑ Associate Director | |
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| Director | Eligibility Requirements <u>click here</u> . Fo | or Associate Direct | ted above. For Zone Director and At-large tor Requirements, <u>click here</u> . | |
| | you want to serve on the Benton SW | | u ta aantributa muu aynarianaa | |
| As an Associate Director I would have the opportunity to contribute my experience and understanding of natural resource management issues to the Board, and be able to support and promote the District 's work beyond what I could do otherwise. | | | | |
| Describe | past experiences or positions held th | nat would assist v | ou as a hoard member | |

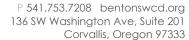
managing natural resources for a 50,000-acre public park/open space agency, including improving forest conditions, conservation-focused cattle grazing, negotiating and caring for conservation lands, trail planning and construction, ecological burning, and tree care. Experience presenting information to

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Professional experience: I have over 15 years of experience improving watersheds through planning and permitting stormwater treatment projects, promoting Low Impact Development-based stormwater solutions, outreach and advocacy around watershed protection. Most recently, I spent over seven years

boards and commissions.





Outline strengths, abilities, and talents that you would bring to the board.

| I have relevant professional experience in many of the environmental stewardship | |
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| issues the District is involved in and a strong belief in the efficacy of | |
| community-focused environmental improvement and protection. | |
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In your opinion, what is the most important role of a board member?

I think Board members should be thinking about the future and making decisions now that will ensure the long-term viability of Benton County natural lands and working lands, and to foster the next generation of environmental stewards.

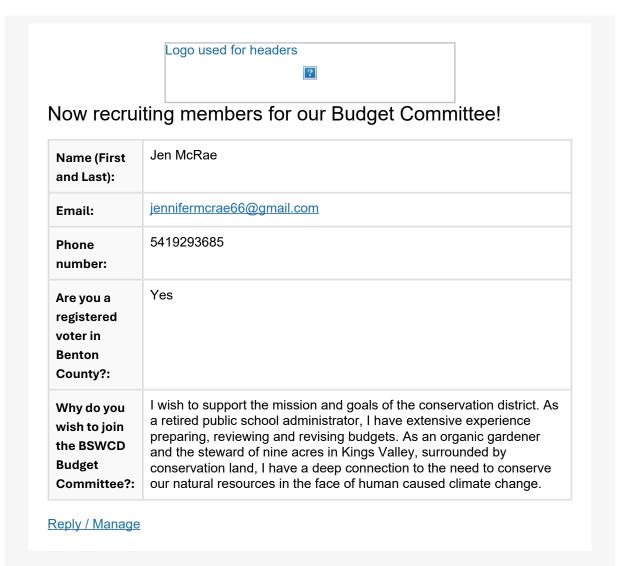
If appointed, would you be able to serve the entire term?

For information about the election process, click here.

Please submit your application to:

Benton SWCD Operations Coordinator 136 SW Washington Ave., Suite 201 Corvallis, OR 97333

Or email completed application form to: office@bentonswcd.org



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