

Monday, May 13, 2024
6:00-7:30 PM Board Meeting
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, Marcella Henkels, Eliza Mason, Aubrey Cloud
Board Members Absent: Henry Storch (Emeritus), Kerry Hastings, David Barron, Greg Jones (joined at 7:20pm)
Associate Directors Present: Rana Foster
Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Teresa Matteson, Donna Schmitz, Candace Mackey (minutes) Sara Roberts

Call to Order - Johnson (6:02pm)

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

Introductions: None
Public Comment: None
Announcement: None
Addition to agenda: HC wants to add agenda item: OSU Western SARE grant Support Letter emailed out to Directors.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approve draft Minutes from April 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**
- **Approve Financials (3/31/24)**

Discussion: None

MOTION: Move to Approve Consent Agenda: Nate Johnson Second: Marcella Henkels
Results: Pass 4/0

REGULAR AGENDA

- **Letter of Support for OSU**
Board supports the sending of the letter of support.
- **Comments on new format for monthly staff reports**
NJ-Thought they looked good. Liked in progress, needs attention portion, also that they were more succinct. He wasn't thinking they were a supervisory tool; it was more for things to catch his eye that link it to the strategic plan and are interesting. Each person's format that works for them is appropriate as it plays to each person's strengths.
MH-Liked format and hopes they were less burdensome.
EM-Like all of the photos
- **In-Person Board Meetings Discussion**

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

More frequently? Currently we meet in-person for Annual Meeting, Budget Committee Meeting, Summer Potluck, approx. once a quarter. NJ-Might be tough if people are having a hard time even making Zoom meetings. Worried about in person attendance, and there will be an agenda item next month about attendance expectations and so this will be addressed along with that.

- **Volunteer Appreciation Celebration in August**

Discussion: Having an event probably on August 2nd for Volunteer appreciation in the afternoon. Could add a board potluck to this event, with or without a board meeting. If you make it a board meeting, we must make it available online. If we hold it at an outdoor location, we may not have internet access. NJ proposes it be social event, without meeting so that there aren't limitations on the venue and that it be combined with the Volunteer Appreciation Event.

- **Willamette Mainstem Cooperative Report & Oblong Spurge Update**

Michael Ahr presents projects BSWCD has participated in with partners via the WMC, including future plans made utilizing a mapping project (feasibility study) for restoration and outreach opportunities.

- **Tribal Ecology EIP Update**

Holly, Michael and Sara travelled to visit the TEIP folks at Chalamali (Andrew Reisner Preserve) to meet the intern Sam (a junior in high school) and his family that BSWCD financially supports under the TEIP program. He led them around the property and explained what his projects will be while an intern.

- **Dry Farming Institute**

Eliza Mason, Holly Crosson and Nate Johnson discuss how there will be an upcoming talk at the July board meeting about dry farming. Eliza Mason is on the board for the Dry Farming Institute, and Nate Johnson has been a part of the Dry Farming Collaborative for the past 7 years or so. Bringing this to the board for NJ was important to help the Institute as this is an important conservation effort-water. EM asks the board and staff for suggestions on what should be discussed by the local founder, Amy Garrett. Eliza and Amy will present on dry farming at the regional District Managers' meeting hosted by Holly on May 22nd.

- **Questions from Board on BSWCD and NRCS Activities**

Marcella Henkels asks about MA's presentation on oblong spurge-he mentioned contaminated fill, do you know where it came from? No, he didn't know.

Nate Johnson is wondering if there is a central database for invasive projects from the past so BSWCD can reconnect if need be...is there a scheduled follow up after a site it worked on? MA answers.

- **Other Board Business**

NJ-Had budget committee meeting last week at the Corvallis Community Center. A lot of good information and a lot of good questions were asked. NJ points out that the tech issues at the beginning of the meeting and the fact that this has happened before detracts from the good work being done and doesn't reflect the competence of the staff. Any support from the board needed to solve this, please ask.

- **Next regular board meeting will be June 10, 2024**

Meeting Adjourned - Johnson (7:30pm)