



KSWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4th, 2023

In Attendance:

Board Members: David Cone, Martin Kerns, Ken Masten, Dave Kent, Ear Miller

District Staff: Will Natividad/DM, Alex Sharp/PM

Community: Michelle Sharp/SBC, Nina Andrews/ODA, Ali Moss/NRCS

Meeting called to order at 12:34pm – Chairman Ken Masten

Agenda Additions/Changes:

- Form Budget Committee

Old Business:

- Approve April BOD Meeting Minutes
- Approve April Financials

Motion 1: Move to Approve April BOD Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Kent

Second: Cone

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

Motion 2: Move to Approve April Financials.

Motion: Cone

Second: Miller

Discussion: David Cone mentioned that Burrows has not paid his bill, no further discussion.

Vote: 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

Motion 3: Move to Form a Budget Committee and Review Budgets

Motion: Cone

Second: Kent

Discussion: David Cone brought up the idea of forming a Budget Committee to periodically review the budgets and help the board to be more involved in the district's finances. The members of the committee and meeting schedule are to be determined.

Vote: 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

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Reports:

NRCS Report: Ali Moss

There are no major changes to report. NRCS still has the same two CIS's. They are doing juniper removal in the Lost River Area and irrigation efficiency projects. The submission deadline for new projects is November.

FSA Report: Laura Hall

The FSA has a new CRP Grasslands program that pays \$28/acre. The program does allow for grazing, there is just a minimum height requirement that needs to be maintained for the grass. This program is nationally competitive, and 10-15 year contracts are awarded to landowners based on rankings from a point system. Klamath Falls is considered a priority zone, which contributes points, landowners who are female, considered "historically underserved", or willing to accept less than \$28/acre are also awarded additional points. The deadline for this program is the end of May. The FSA has also hired an additional employee specializing in crops.

SBC Report: Michelle Sharp and Julie Jespersen

SBC has all the grants up to date in Quickbooks. Michelle and Sam have been working together to fix past years inaccuracies between what SBC has in their systems and what the district actually billed for grants. The differences are mostly due to either lack of receipts or supporting documentation or payroll being billed incorrectly and not calculated according to actual costs.

ODA Report: Nina Andrews

The current biennium is coming to an end June 30th, so ODA is planning for the next two years. They are working on making reporting for grants easier. July 1st the district can start charging expenses to the new biennium. Site visits have been ramping up again, but flooding in a lot of areas has posed challenges. The Middle Sprague River SIA is now in Phase 2, and ODA is following up with any landowners not contacted or who may have opportunities for improvement.

District Staff Report: Will Natividad

The district was awarded the Keno Fire Protection grant for \$250,000. Alex has been working with the contractor, and they have everything scheduled with landowners already, with work set to begin in mid-June as long as grant agreement is signed on time as expected. The district also entered into a contract with SNW (Sustainable Northwest), for \$10,000 to help with landowner outreach, including workshops and other events. This funding expires in December 2023. The district has also applied for a small grant, and two Aq Water Quality Support Grants. KSWCD is also partnering with USFWS, and receiving funding managing restoration projects and juniper removal. The first Keno grant is coming to an end soon in June, and the district is still working

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(Cont'd) District Staff Report: Will Natividad

on logistics for cutting, transporting, and distributing the firewood generated from this grant. Monitoring programs have all been delayed due to excessive flooding, including Deming Creek, where devices were installed late, and the SIA monitoring being delayed due to the site being under several feet of water. The SWCD will also need to have an annual meeting soon, before the end of the current biennium.

Chair Report: Ken Masten

A new OACD director, Andrea Kreiner, has been hired to replace Jan, who will be staying through this fall to help with the transition. The director will be at the annual OACD convention in October. Both No-Till drills are out, but one has a broken part at the moment. The other drill is out in Beatty, and got stuck the other day but was recovered. There is a landowner who has had one of the drills for weeks now who only has 7 acres, so the district may want to consider creating some kind of extra charge or policy for these situations.

New Business:

The board/district will look into more details and begin planning the annual SWCD meeting.

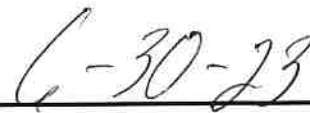
Public Comment: None

Meeting is adjourned at 2:28 pm – Chair Ken Masten

Minutes Approved as Written or Amended:



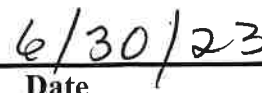
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Date



KSWCD Secretary/Treasurer



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