



Klamath  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District

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## **KSWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **August 9th, 2023**

#### **In Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Earl Miller, David Cone, Ken Masten, Dave Kent, Jolene Moxon

**District Staff:** Will Natividad/DM, Sam Fletcher/AA, Alex Sharp/PM, Hanna Chittenden/PM

**Community:** Nina Andrews/ODA, Michelle Sharp/SBC

**Meeting called to order at 12:36pm – Chairman Ken Masten**

**Agenda Additions/Changes:**

- Letter to Congress/Legislation for Klamath Basin Water Management Issues
- Address Late Payments/Interest on Past Due No-Till Drill Account(s)

#### **Old Business:**

- Approve June Financials
- Approve June BOD Meeting Minutes
- Approve July Financials

**Motion 1: Motion to waive interest fees on past due No-Till Drill account if the principal amount is paid within 30 days.**

**Motion:** Moxon

**Second:** Miller

**Discussion:** For the past due account, Michelle will calculate the principal amount and Ken will hand-deliver the invoice to the landowner, which must be paid within 30 days to avoid all the accrued interest.

**Vote:** 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

**Motion 2: Motion to Approve June Financials.**

**Motion:** Moxon

**Second:** Kent

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

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**Motion 7: Motion to Approve autopay for recurring monthly bills that do not vary each month, to be charged on district credit cards.**

**Motion: Kent**

**Second: Miller**

**Discussion: The district will discuss with the bookkeeper which bills to put on autopay. The district will only use credit cards for this, not any bank accounts for security reasons.**

**Vote: 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes**

**Reports:**

**NRCS Report: Josh Elke**

NRCS has two new positions, a senior Soil Conservationist, as well as a Biologist. Engineering staff will come from Redmond. There are now 3 positions NRCS is supporting through partnerships, including one with KWP. Their new Fiscal Year starts in October. This year NRCS signed 5 contracts with landowners, with projects totaling around \$1 million. They currently have 45 contracts in total, with about 40% being behind schedule. For FY 2024, they are focusing on Irrigation Conservation & Drought Resilience as well as Juniper Removal in the Olene Gap. Both areas of focus will require about three-quarters of a million dollars each in projects.

**ODA Report: Nina Andrews**

There is a new Senate Bill 85 regarding CAFO operations. It will be mostly applicable to new or renewing CAFO's and may put a cap on livestock water available. The new biennium has begun and ODA will need quarterly reports on time. Biennial reviews are also coming up soon, most likely in December or January for the Klamath and more towards the spring for the Lost River area. TMDL's for temperature are not being revised in this area, even though they are being revised in other areas. DEQ is in pending litigation regarding everything below the Upper Klamath Lake. There may be some new reporting requirements for SWCD's, in order to create measurable objectives and track success on projects. Two site visits were completed with ODA and SWCD on the Williamson, with cooperative landowners.

**FSA Report: Emily Trumbull**

The FSA has wrapped up acreage reporting. Livestock programs are at one monthly payment right now. There is an organic program offering \$750 rebates with a deadline of October 1st.

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**New Business:**

- Jolene Moxon brought up Farm Bureau training, there is an Ag Leadership class with applications open this month. It is a state-wide training program with a variety of focus areas and Jolene highly recommended it after completing it herself. The cost is \$2,500 per person and can often be sponsored.
- The district will need to do Will's evaluation soon. The board also needs to conduct employee evaluations, and look into the raise policy in the Employee Handbook.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Meeting is adjourned at 3:26 pm – Chair Ken Masten**

**Minutes Approved as Written or Amended:**

  
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KSWCD Chair 9/13/23  
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KSWCD Secretary/Treasurer 9/23/23  
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