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MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2021

Monument Senior Center

Monthly Board Meeting

Call to Order – Jim Bahrenburg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Board of Directors in attendance –Brian Campbell, Jim Bahrenburg, Troy Cox (via teleconference), Andy Watkins (arrived 5:30)

Staff – BA Robbins (District Manager), Greg Hill (Project Manager), Larry Stevens (MVM coordinator)

Guests: Aaron Roth- NRCS District Conservationist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brian Campbell to approve the meeting minutes from 5/3/2021 and seconded by Jim Bahrenburg. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Aaron Roth updated the board on the NRCS quality assurance review, finalizing EQIP applications and CSP application rankings at the end of June. Aaron also handed out a drought monitor map for Oregon and informed the board of possible drought relief funding if conditions continue. Aaron handed out an additional summary of hay stocks in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. BA requested permission to post the drought monitor on the MSWCD website. Aaron agreed and will send a website address for further information.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. **Project Manager Report:** Greg updated the board on the status of completing remaining project objectives for the Cavender Wetland Habitat Improvement and Rudio Headwater Meadow Restoration projects, survey and sampling results for the SM bass monitoring project, RCPP application status and upcoming virtual site visits for OWEB project proposals submitted during the spring open solicitation cycle.
2. **Financial Report:** BA reviewed the budget resolution with the Board. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Andy Watkins and seconded by Brian Campbell. The motion passed by unanimous vote. BA also reviewed the District audit letter to Barnett & Morrow, Jim Bahrenburg signed the letter. BA gave her financial report to the board. A motion to approve the report was made by Brian Campbell and seconded by Andy Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Monument Vegetation Management (MVM) Report:** Larry updated the board on noxious weed treatments related to the Malheur National Forest contract and ODA weed board Leafy Spurge phase IV project. Larry also informed the board of District vehicle maintenance issues/status

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Equipment:** BA updated the board on the recent deposit made on the Range Drill.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Annual Work Plan:** BA reviewed the Annual Work Plan and key changes with the board. A motion to approve the Annual Work Plan was made by Brian Campbell and seconded by Andy Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. **5-Year Business Plan:** BA reviewed the 5-year business plan with the board and changes to maps, grammar, dates and position descriptions. Other changes involved a particular emphasis on a voluntary conservation policy. A motion to approve the voluntary conservation policy was made by Andy Watkins and seconded by Brian Campbell. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. **SCBGP Funding:** BA reviewed a new grant program focused on specialty crops with the board
4. **Associate Director:** The board and staff discussed the status filling the vacant Associate Director position.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:00 pm

MEETINGS:

Next MSWCD board meeting to be held at the Monument Senior Center on July 12, 2021 at 5 pm.

Approved by:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Date

Recorded and submitted by

Date