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Amended:_____
Approved:_____
Recorder:_____
Secretary: _____

10/6/2026 MINUTES

Board of Directors
Brian Doherty – Treasurer, Zone 3
Ashley McCabe – At-Large #2
Colin McElligott – Vice Chair, Zone 2
Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1
Duane Neiffer - At-large #1

Staff & guests
Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager
Kevin Payne – District Manager
Drew Grabacki – Wildlife Habitat Tech
Corey Sweeney – County Weed Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Miff Devin.

ACTION ITEMS: The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved by the board.

Colin made a motion to approve the purchase of the Aqua Troll 500 multiparameter sonde and accessories needed with no purchases exceeding $3,500 total. Duane seconded the motion and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

Brian Doherty made a motion to approve the purchase of the manure spreader up to $4,000. Ashley McCabe seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

Duane Neiffer made a motion to approve the OACD board ballet as presented. Colin seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

Ashley made a motion to approve Pointe Pest Control as the district's new pest control vendor. Colin seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS: The September financial and staff reports were reviewed by the board.

PARTNER REPORTS: Kevin read Jennifer Wilson's report for NRCS. Jamie is still detailing at the Condon office and will run until the end of December. The NRCS reorganization strategy is officially on hold at this moment. All staff are working on certifying CSP for fiscal year 2026. EQIP and CSP sign ups will end November 13th. NRCS will be sending out deferral letters to landowners who were not funded in EQIP and CSP.

Corey gave an update on some county weed activities. Some highlights include putting in a request to the county for two FTEs in the department to help with spraying and work with the wind/solar energy developments. Corey mentioned he has been working with some of the solar companies in developing seed mixtures that will work best at these locations.

DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE: Kevin mentioned that he received a letter from the State of Oregon Employment department about a claim that was filed by Jared Schiller looking to receive unemployment benefits. Kevin worked with Steve Cherry and put together a letter stating that the employee was dismissed based on negligence and poor performance. The matter was resolved and no benefits will need to be paid by the district. Kevin gave an update on the letter of support the district wrote to support the solar mitigation funds.

OTHER BUSINESS: Started sending documents to CPA, LLC for our financial review.

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There were no public comments

The next meeting will be November 3rd at 6pm at the Ag Service Center in Heppner, and available via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.