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 9/10/2024 MINUTES

Board of Directors Staff & guests

 Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1 Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager

 Jim McElligott – Vice Chair, At-large Kevin Payne – District Manager

Colin McElligott – Zone 2 Jared Schiller – Wildlife Habitat Tech

Brian Doherty – Treasurer, Zone 3 Corey Sweeney – Weed Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Miff Devin.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved by the board.

Jared Schiller our new Wildlife Habitat Tech was introduced to the board members. The board voted to approve that Jared Schiller receives a VISA credit card for work. Collin made a motion to approve that Jared Schiller get a new VISA credit card through Bank of Eastern Oregon. Jim seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

**STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS**: Written staff reports were included in board packets; the June, July, August financial reports were reviewed by the board.

**PARTNER REPORTS**: Cory Sweeney shared his quarterly weed report (report will be attached with minutes).

Kevin shared Jennifer Wilson’s report for NRCS. CSP classics are all obligated and were able to fund 20 new contracts. CSP renewals will be processed later this fall and have around 22 contracts to work on. Taking new applications for general EQIP and signup deadline will most likely be mid-November. All NRCS staff attended a basin team meeting led by the new basin team leader Nathan Adelman. Nathan will likely attend the October SWCD board meeting. There is a new Ag service center intern, Mason Orem started this week and will work around 15 hours a week as part of the Port of Morrow workforce development program.

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE**: Kevin mentioned we got all the election materials submitted for our directors. Kevin talked to the board about a project he is working on with Gilliam SWCD that involves some funding for virtual fence around the Lone Rock fire. Gilliam SWCD already has got some dedicated funds from Gilliam County, and Kevin has been talking with Morrow County about getting some additional funds. Kevin opened a line of credit with Helena Chemical for the OWEB Annual Grass project

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Kevin updated the board that the new security system has been installed. He also updated the board on the Lower Willow Creek Groundwater feasibility study, and had meetings with Morrow County to ask for funds.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be October 8th at 6pm in Boardman at the Port of Morrow building and available via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.