



Klamath
Soil & Water
Conservation District

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KSWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 11th, 2023

In Attendance:

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

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

Community: Michelle Sharp/SBC, Julie Jespersen/SBC, Ali Moss/NRCS, Henry Robinson/NRCS

Meeting called to order at 12:35pm – Chairman Ken Masten

Agenda Additions/Changes:

- Add Approval of January Financials

Old Business:

- Approve February Financials
- Approve March Financials
- Approve March BOD Minutes
- Approve Updated Financial Policy

Motion 1: Move to Approve January Financials.

Motion: Moxon

Second: Miller

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

Motion 2: Move to Approve February Financials.

Motion: Moxon

Second: Miller

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

Motion 3: Move to Approve March Financials.

Motion: Moxon

Second: Miller

Discussion: David Cone asked a question about money coming in and budget amounts for a Forest Service Grant, Will said he would work on it with Michelle and SBC.

Vote: 5 Yes - Unanimous, Motion Passes

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awarded to applicants based on rankings. NRCS also just closed applications 3/18 for their CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) March 18th that Josh is currently working through. There is also the RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program), with two current projects relating to waterfowl habitat managed by Ed Contreras.

FSA Report: Laura Hall

The FSA currently has one employee on maternity leave and just had another. However, they currently have someone in training for the Farm Loan Analyst position and also hired a new employee to be onboarded next month. For programs, there is not much new, the Pandemic Assistance Program and the Emergency Drought Relief programs are still open. We are currently still in a D2 drought. Livestock losses from the winter storm in March are also still being reported, and if the loss and storm are severe enough they may receive some compensation. The CRP Grasslands signup should be open any day now, last year the program paid \$14 per acre and in other areas the criteria for the program was maintaining a certain grass height, which is expected to be the same here. The CRP Grasslands program typically requires a 10-15 year commitment.

SBC Report: Michelle Sharp and Julie Jespersen

Michelle has been working on balancing all the grants and provided a spreadsheet with summary of all current grants. KSWCD has currently overspent the Capacity Grant by about \$20,000 according to SBC. New funding for the grant will be available at the beginning of the new biennium in July. There is approximately \$50,000 outstanding to KSWCD in the form of checks that should be arriving soon. Miller asked how there could still be funding available for the Gerber Grant even though it has ended, and Will explained it was for post-grant activities such as monitoring and completion reporting. Michelle and Julie also provided Profit & Loss statements and year-end adjustments from a CPA. SBC has written off Robert Ball's outstanding account receivable.

ODA Report: Will Natividad (Email updates from Nina Andrews)

Biennium changeover is approaching, which means that reporting to close out the 2021-2023 biennium is due soon as well as planning reporting for the 2023-2025 biennium. This is a good time to think about and discuss how the district would like to spend Scope of Work funds moving forward. Nina will be available for any assistance on this. The Middle Sprague SIA is approaching Phase 2. ODA and KSWCD will be meeting in the next couple weeks to find out where ODA needs to move forward with the regulatory process and where voluntary efforts have succeeded in providing uplift on private ag lands. New SIAs in Klamath Headwaters and Lost River are off the table for the time being. There is hope in the future that SIA funding will include implementation dollars. Eric Nusbaum will also be conducting a public official training this Thursday at 9 am at KSWCD.

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Minutes Approved as Written or Amended:

Ken Masten _____ *5/4/23*
KSWCD Chair Date

David Cone _____ *5/4/23*
KSWCD Secretary/Treasurer Date

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