

**DESCHUTES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
Board Meeting Minutes – October 19,2023  
Meeting location: Bend Downtown Library, Bend OR with a Zoom option available.

**Current Board Members**

Director Zone 1 (Redmond)	Amy Hensley
Director Zone 2 (Sisters)	William Kuhn
Director Zone 3 (Tumalo)	Jeff Rola, Co-Chair
Director Zone 4 (Alfalpa)	James Warren, Co-Chair
Director Zone 5 (South County & La Pine)	Andrew Aasen, Treasurer
Director At-Large #1	Robin Vora, Secretary
Director At-Large #2	Brian Lepore

Directors present: Brian Lepore, Andrew Aasen, Robin Vora, Jeff Rola, William Kuhn, James Warren

Staff present: Todd Peplin, Lead Planner; Jena Thomas, Programs & Operations Coordinator; Tom Bennet, Conservation Technician

Agency attendees: Lars Santana, NRCS District Conservationist

Other attendees: none

See Website for acronym descriptions: <https://www.deschuteswcd.org/files/ede6f9a58/Acronym+Glossary.pdf>

Order of business:

1. Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.; all attendees introduced themselves.
2. Public Comments: None.
3. Agency Reports:
  - a. NRCS
    - Forestry Conservation Implementation strategy areas and RCPP areas have grown, allowing for an expanded strategic approach.
4. Action Items:
  - a. The Board cast their ballot for the OACD Board Election
    - Motion #1 was made by Brian Lepore to nominate Tim Newtown for the East-At-Large candidate. The motion was seconded by James Warren.** Rollcall vote: unanimous approval
    - Motion #2 was made by James Warren to nominate Stan Dean to the At-Large Position. The motion was seconded by Brian Lepore.** Rollcall vote unanimous approval
    - Motion #3 was made by William Kuhl to nominate Jan Lee to the At-Large Position. Brian Lepore Seconded.** Rollcall vote: unanimous approval
    - Motion #4 was made by Andrew Aasen to appoint Richard Winkle as the auditor for the District. James Warren seconded.** Rollcall vote: Unanimous approval

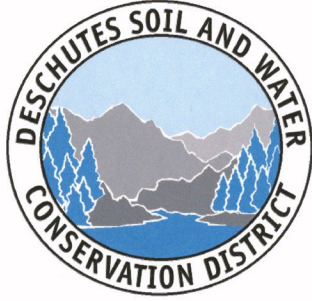
- b. Review District Strategic Plan
  - DSWCD has developed a District Enhancement Committee and they have been developing a Strategic Plan for the District. This Plan was discussed and gone through in detail with the board and staff. Erin and Jena will be making edits to the document and discussing this more at the October Board meeting.
- 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
  - Motion #5 made by James Warren, seconded by Brian Lepore to approve the September board meeting minutes.*** Rollcall vote: unanimous approval.
- 6. Directors' Reports:
  - a. Robin Vora was elected to the soil and water conservation committee. He also shared that OWEB has additional funding currently available and is seeking SIA Restoration projects to pursue.
  - b. Jeff Rola attended the OACD conference. There was a significant turn out and a diverse number of speakers and presentations.

The next board meeting will be held on November 16, 2023, from 6-8pm at the Bend East Side Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Erin Kilcullen, General Manager



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**Addendum: Motions of the Board Meeting – October 19, 2023**