

DESCHUTES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2023
Meeting location: Bend Eastside Library, 62080 Dean Swift Rd. Bend OR with a
Zoom option available.

Current Board Members

Director Zone 1 (Redmond)	
Director Zone 2 (Sisters)	William Kuhn
Director Zone 3 (Tumalo)	Jeff Rola, Co-Chair
Director Zone 4 (Alfalfa)	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: Jeff Rola, Andrew Aasen, James Warren, William Kuhn, Robin Vora

Staff present: Erin Kilcullen, General Manager; Todd Peplin, Lead Planner; Tom Bennett, Conservation Technician; Jena Thomas, Programs & Operations Coordinator

Agency attendees: Lars Santana, NRCS District Conservationist; Scott Dugan, OSU Extension; Gordon Jones, OSU Extension

Other attendees: Amy Hensley, new board member prospect

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 6:04 p.m.; all attendees introduced themselves.
2. Public Comments: None.
3. Agency Reports:
 - a. NRCS, Lars Santana
 - Stephanie Payne (small farms organic specialist) is leaving NRCS. Jenn Eatwell will be acting in her place in the meantime. Forestry applications have been going well with support from DSWCD and Senate Bill 762 funding. NRCS is trying to increase interest in utilizing RCPP Smith Rock programs. There have been difficulties in securing contracts due to project costs incurred by landowners. NRCS is interested in finding ways to cover a larger percentage of project costs for landowners and leverage partnerships to increase program participation.
 - b. OSU Extension
 - Farm questions have slowed down this season. Scott Dugan is starting a new publication on pasture management. The Jefferson County Fair is approaching. OSU is also partnering with School of Ranch to increase Pasture Management Education.

Gordon Jones is the new OSU extension agronomist and is focused on forage, water and nutrient management, pest management, and seasonal crop changes.

4. Program Updates: See Exhibit A.
5. Manager Report: See Exhibit B.
6. Action Items:
 - a. OACD Annual Dues
 - It's time for annual dues, DSWCD paid \$723 last year. This year, it will be \$1668. Andrea from OACD will be attending the September board meeting to discuss the increase in cost and the role of OACD and assistance it provides to SWCD's.
 - Motion #1 made by Robin Vora to keep dues at \$723. The motion did not pass.**
 - Motion #2 made by William Kuhn, seconded by Jim Warren to pay the full rate of \$1668. Jeff Rola was in favor of this motion, Robin Vora and Andrew Aasen were against this motion.** The motion failed. The question will be raised again at next month's meeting.
 - b. New Board Position
 - Amy Hensley was appointed to the position of Director Zone 1 (Redmond). She is interested in primarily in water policy, education, and outreach
 - Motion #3 motion by William Kuhn, seconded by James Warren to appoint Amy Hensley to the position of director (Zone 1).** Rollcall vote: unanimous approval.
 - c. Paid Leave OR Policy
 - Erin has created a new policy regarding the new Paid Leave OR law. Discussion will be continued at the next board meeting
 - d. Legislative Action Toolkit – SDAO Resolution
 - There is an opportunity to get more involved with legislative action if the board sees it beneficial. The board agrees to follow the process of holding special meetings to vote on District's position on legislative action as needed but does not see a need for a resolution to designate someone in charge of making these decisions on behalf of the District.
 - e. Seek General Counsel
 - Erin would like the opportunity to seek general counsel as the district grows if the need occurs. Discussion will be continued later. In the meantime, Erin will research and contact possible general counsel for the District to utilize in the future.
 - f. District Enhancement Committee
 - Andrew Aasen was appointed to the District Enhancement Committee
 - g. Strategic Plan
 - Meeting to be held in late August or early September regarding the revised District Strategic Plan.
7. Treasurers Report: See Exhibit C:

Motion #4 made by James Warren, seconded by William Kuhn that the board has received the presented Treasurers reports for June 2023. Rollcall vote: unanimous approval.
8. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion #5 made by Andrew Aasen, seconded by James Warren to approve the annual June board meeting minutes. Rollcall vote: unanimous approval.
9. Directors' Reports.
 - a. William Kuhn will not be present at the next meeting, but will be able to Zoom in.
 - b. James Warren has been working with the Alfalfa fire board, trying to increase awareness surrounding Special Districts.
 - c. Robin Vora provided an update on the Counties new landfill possible sites. It is currently

down to 4 sites.

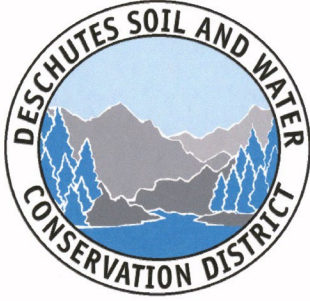
- d. Andrew Aasen reported that the petition for incorporation of Millican to Mountain View has been successful so far. He has been in contact with Angie Brewer to discuss statewide planning goals.
- e. Jeff Rola has been working with OACD on orientation and onboarding of the new Executive director. The OACD conference is coming up in mid- October. The chair of OACD was recently in Bismarck for the NACD conference. Jeff plans on attending the Pacific and Southwest NACD MEETING in Tahoe at the end of August.

The next board meeting will be at 6pm on August 17, 2023, at the East Bend Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Erin Kilcullen

Erin Kilcullen, General Manager



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Addendum: Motions of the Board Meeting – July 20, 2023