



DESCHUTES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Board of Directors' Work Session – July 18, 2019

Meeting location: Deschutes County Office – 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701

Current Board Members

Director Zone 1 (Redmond)	Leslie Clark, Treasurer
Director Zone 2 (Sisters)	William Kuhn, Co-Chair
Director Zone 3 (Tumalo)	Jeff Rola, Co-Chair
Director Zone 4 (Alfalfa)	Susan Altman, Secretary
Director Zone 5 (South County & La Pine)	Colin Wills
Director At-Large #1	Robin Vora
Director At-Large #2	Gen Hubert

Directors present: Susan Altman, Leslie Clark, Gen Hubert, William Kuhn, Jeff Rola, Colin Wills, Rex Barber (Director Emeritus), Robin Vora (by phone)

Staff present: Todd Peplin, Conservation Technician

Other attendees: Theresa DeBardelaben, ODA; Lars Santana, new Deschutes & Jefferson District Conservationist

Order of business:

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.; a quorum was present. This is a work session only.
2. Introductions: All present introduced themselves; new to the meeting was Lars Santana, the district conservationist for Jefferson & Deschutes – he's been in this type of work for 17.5 years, starting in Colorado and moving to Oregon. He started as a range specialist in Colorado, did range work in Redmond for five years, and his official start date as the DC is August 5.
3. Policies & procedures guidebook: Jeff Rola passed around the "Oregon SWCD Guide to Operations and Management 2016" is an operations manual that focuses on personnel, finances, projects, record-keeping, etc. – basically, all things that keep a district legal. The question came up if we have adopted this as our policies and procedures manual. Rex Barber thinks that was done years ago, though not officially. Jeff will look through archived decisions to see if there's a resolution adopting this.
4. Long-range plan: A copy of the revised/adopted long-range plan had been distributed via email before the meeting. There was discussion about the "four priorities" and where they fit. The "four priorities" are more of a short-range plan. Robin Vora would like broader reach than the "four priorities" and listed a number of considerations.
5. Partnership plan: There are a lot of organizations we can work with in order to find help for more stable funding. We need to develop a coordinated effort to connect with our partners. If there are any groups we have familiarity with we should attend their meetings and invite them to ours. Todd Peplin handed out a program chart that outlined programs, sustaining activities, and potential funding sources.
6. Urban agriculture: In preparation for this meeting, urban agriculture handouts were distributed via email. There are several NACD grant opportunities that tend to look at low-income and homeless populations and how local foods can benefit them via community gardens. Partnering with the food bank may be an option, or donating excess crops to a food bank would be another option; this is possible with livestock also.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next board meeting is August 15th at the Deschutes County office at 1300 NW Wall Street in Bend.

Susan Altman

Susan Altman, Secretary