



DESCHUTES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023
Meeting location: Bend East Side 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 6:00 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. OACD Board members vote
 - 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
 - b. NACD Annual Dues
 - Board Members will discuss NACD Annual Dues at next month's (November) meeting

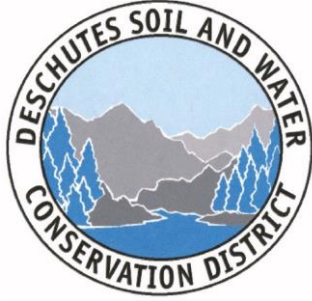
- c. District Annual Audit Engagement letter
 - Motion #4 was made by Andrew Aasen to appoint Richard Winkle as the auditor for the District. James Warren seconded.** Rollcall vote: Unanimous approval
 - d. District Enhancement Committee Strategic Plan Review and Discussion
 - Final Edits were made to the Strategic Plan. The plan is now a finalized document ready to be shared with partners.
 - Going forward, DSWCD is working to develop a timeline to develop talking points for board members and staff to discuss in conversation with partners, hold partner meetings and hire survey companies. DHN research can provide a survey for ~\$28,000 - \$34,000. It would take 10-12 weeks for them to complete their polling and get results.
 - The board members would like to more information to further understand the benefit of performing a survey
 - e. 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.
5. Directors' Reports:
- a. **Brian Lepore:** None
 - b. **Andrew Aasen:** None
 - c. **Robin Vora:** Robin 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.
 - d. **Jeff Rola:** Jeff attended the OACD conference. There was a significant turn out and a diverse number of speakers and presentations.
 - e. **William Kuhn:** None
 - f. **James Warren:** None

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.



Erin Kilcullen, General Manager



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