

# Jefferson County SWCD Board Minutes ~ April 26, 2022

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2022

Madras Airport Conference Room ~ Madras, Oregon

### Members Present:

### Board:

Scott Samsel (At Large 1)  
Lloyd Forman (Zone 4)  
Brad Klann (Zone 2)  
Rob Galyen (At Large 2)  
Sean Vibbert (Zone 3)  
Curt Locke (Zone 5)

### Staff:

Staci Merkt  
Adam Haarberg  
Breck Flanagan-Caldwell  
Ellen Hammond

### Advisors:

Ally Steinmetz, MDWC  
Theresa DeBardelaben, OWEB  
Smita Mehta, DEQ  
Lars Santana, NRCS  
Jenn Eatwell, NRCS  
Collin Cowsill, NUID  
Chris Towman, OSU  
Leroy and Terri Buck, Landowners, Agency Plains

## SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

- Motion #1:** *Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve the January, 2022 Board Minutes as presented. Seconded by Sean Vibbert. Motion carried unanimously.*
- Motion #2:** *Motion made by Brad Klann to approve the April 26, 2022 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.*

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**Motion #3:** *Motion made by Rob Galyen to draft a petition for JCSWCD to join the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Call to Order:**

The April 26, 2022 Jefferson County SWCD Board meeting was called to order by Chair Lloyd Forman at 12:03PM with a quorum in place.

### **Welcome Breck Flanagan-Caldwell and Ellen Hammond to JCSWCD:**

Brooke gave a presentation about a cover crop program that the Coalition plans to implement in Jefferson County. She is looking for collaboration with JCSWCD and wants to include us in planning and executing the program.

### **Welcome Renee Davis, Heidi Hartman, Theresa DeBardelaben and Amy Charette with OWEB:**

Renee, Heidi, Theresa and Amy gave an update on the drought relief/soil conservation funds that OWEB will be administering through the JCSWCD for Jefferson County producers.

### **Approval of January 31, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:**

The board reviewed the January board minutes as presented:

**Motion #1:** *Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve the January, 2022 Board Minutes as presented. Seconded by Sean Vibbert. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Approval of April 26, 2022 Financial Activity Report:**

Staci took the board through the check register, the balance sheet, profit and loss statement and job/vendor reports as of April 26, 2022.

Current active grants are reported on and balanced per grant requirements and all payroll taxes and reports are paid and current. As funding continues to flux, and grants focus more and more towards on the ground costs, it will be imperative that the District continue to seek out other possible sources of funding as well as new conservation, soil, water, stewardship ideas.

**Motion #2:** *Motion made by Brad Klann to approve the April 26, 2022 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.*

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## **2022-2026 Long Range Work Plan Update, Breck Flanagan-Caldwell:**

Breck explained that he has been working on a new long range work plan for the district including up-to-date, relevant information to make it current and applicable in the years to come. He said that he would have it ready for board review this summer.

## **SIA Update, Ellen Hammond:**

Ellen gave an update on the Campbell Creek Strategic Implementation Area that is in the early stages of development. She explained that she would be accompanying ODA staff on site visits and engaging with landowners and partners as the SIA progresses. She said that most of the “areas of concern” need to be updated and taken off the list as land use has changed and/or conservation practices have been implemented to rectify the issues.

## **Approval to Draft a Petition to Become a Member of the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative:**

Staci shared a summary sheet of what the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative is and some of its goals and objectives. Breck further described the group and explained the process by which JCSWCD could become a member:

***Motion #3: Motion made by Rob Galyen to Approve Drafting a Petition to Become a Member of the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **Conservation Technician Update:**

Breck gave updates on the OWEB Small Grant Program, Irrigation Workshop in coordination with Deschutes SWCD, JCSWCD Annual Report and Long Range Work Plan and seeking alternative sources for funding.

## **MDWC Report:**

Ally gave updates on Council administrative business, educational programs, monitoring and research projects, restoration activities and projects and outreach activities and events.

## **Trout Creek Project Update:**

Adam gave an update on his project implementation in the Trout Creek Watershed.

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### **PARTNER REPORTS:**

**OSU Extension:** Chris Toman gave a presentation on soil moisture, solar panels and biomass analysis.

**NRCS:** Lars and Jenn gave an update on NRCS programs and said that they've been working closely with all of the JCSWCD and MDWC staff who are supporting them by helping with various projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:51PM.