

# Jefferson County SWCD Board Minutes ~ January 24, 2023

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2023

Madras Airport Conference Room ~ Madras, Oregon and  
Virtually Via GoToMeeting

### Members Present:

### Board:

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

### Staff:

Staci Merkt  
Adam Haarberg  
Ellen Hammond  
Lisa Windom

### Advisors:

Ally Steinmetz, MDWC  
Theresa DeBardelaben, OWEB  
Lars Santana, NRCS  
Jenn Eatwell, NRCS  
Collin Cowsill, NUID

## SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

**Motion #1:** *Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve the November 15 and the December 20, 2022 Board Minutes. Seconded by Brad Klann. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Motion #2:** *Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve the January 24, 2023 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Rob Galyen. Motion carried unanimously.*

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**Motion #3:** *Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve the JCSWCD Annual Meeting time of February 2, 2023 at 9:30AM at the Jefferson County Farm Fair. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **Call to Order:**

The January 24, 2023 Jefferson County SWCD Board meeting was called to order by Chair Lloyd Forman at 12:04PM with a quorum in place.

## **Approval of November 15 and December 20, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:**

The board reviewed the November and December 2022 board minutes as presented:

**Motion #1:** *Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve the November and December, 2022 Board Minutes as presented. Seconded by Brad Klann. The Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Approval of January 24, 2023 Financial Activity Report:**

Staci took the board through the balance sheet, profit and loss statement and active grant balances as of January 24, 2023.

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 continues to seek out other possible sources of funding as well as new conservation stewardship ideas.

**Motion #2:** *Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve the January 24, 2023 financial activity report as submitted. Seconded by Rob Galyen. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **JCSWCD Annual Meeting location, date and time:**

**Motion #3:** *Motion made by Rob Galyen to approve holding the JCSWCD Annual Meeting on February 2, 2023 at 9:30AM at the Jefferson County Farm Fair. Seconded by Scott Samsel. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **JCSWCD Long Range Plan Update ~ Ellen and Staci**

Staci explained that Ellen has a lot of experience developing and updating similar plans and that she asked her to take the lead on updating and enhancing ours. Ellen said she will be working on the plan in the upcoming months and should have a complete draft by June, if not before.

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Ellen added that she would like to meet briefly with the board for suggestions and comments after the next board meeting in March.

## **Review Annual Meeting/Farm Fair Presentation ~ Lisa**

Lisa showed the PowerPoint that she will present and explained what she wants to convey and asked the board for any additions, edits and suggestions to improve the content. The board was satisfied with the presentation.

## **Drought Relief Programs Update ~ Staci and Theresa**

Staci said that the Soil Conservation/Drought Relief Program has been completed and the Drought Resiliency Group Program is in full swing and quickly becoming a success. Theresa said that OWEB may be able to grant extensions for the Drought Relief Programs across the state and the Resiliency Group may be able to extend past June 30, 2023. She said she would keep us posted. Staci added that there are new programs that have been introduced to the legislature including juniper removal and soil health bills as well as additional funding for reimbursements for soil conservation practices on irrigated land.

## **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 updates on the progress of his current projects, status of his BPA contract and potential projects next program year.

## **Conservation Specialist and CREP Update:**

Lisa gave an update on CREP projects, plans and potential applicants as well as potential projects supported through the ODA Scope of Work.

## **PARTNER REPORTS:**

**NRCS:** Lars and Jenn gave an update on NRCS programs and said that they've been working closely with all the JCSWCD and MDWC staff who are supporting them by helping with various projects. Lars referred to the Oregon NRCS website and pulled it up on the big screen pointing out a map of NRCS projects across the state. He listed what the JCSWCD staff has been assisting with as well as the MDWC staff. He also mentioned that he is planning his Local Workgroup Meeting to be held in February.

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**OWEB:** Theresa said she is planning to have a Local Advisory Committee meeting in coordination with Ellen's next Drought Resiliency Group meeting in early March. She added that she would let us know when she finds out if there will be an extension granted for the resiliency group.

**NUID:** Collin said the North Unit has some piping projects underway. He said that lateral 41-9 is being piped. He added that the NUID Pipeline Modernization Plan was approved by NRCS.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02PM.