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**OREGON CONSERVATION
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

OCEAN Winter Quarterly Board Meeting

Conference Call

January 11, 2011 @ 10:00AM

AGENDA

❄ Attendance

Jeremy Baker, Clackamas SWCD	Laurie Owens, Baker Valley SWCDs
Jason Faucera, Clackamas SWCD	Stacy Polkowske, Lincoln SWCD
Lisa Mahon, Wallowa SWCD	Malyssa Page, Columbia SWCD
Shilah Olson, Wasco SWCD	Jackie Hastings, Polk SWCD

❄ Financials

- Since Janet was unable to attend the meeting Jason gave the financial report and update. The first topic was if OCEAN wanted to continue to hold the silent auction at the OACD convention. The board showed interest in continuing to host the auction. Jackie mentioned that people would probably be more willing to donate items and to bid on items if they knew what the proceeds were going towards. It was suggested to add the silent auction to the duties of the Communications Committee. They will be in charge of advertising and getting information out for the next OACD convention.
- There was discussion on the need to bring in more money by getting more members. Jackie had suggested to send information out to Districts to show the benefit of paying OCEAN dues for their employees. Jason asked that some people on the board step up and volunteer to develop a welcome package to be sent out when someone joins OCEAN or renews their membership. It would include updates for OCEAN and Connect. The membership is staying on the calendar year as of right now. That seemed to be the consensus.
- The board looked at the 2011 budget, but because of issues being able to see the document the vote is postponed till the end of the meeting.

❄ Education Committee-Connect 2011

- Shilah updated the board on the Connect 2011 planning process. Connect has received funds from ODA, and received word from NRCS that their request will be funded. We are still waiting to hear from OWEB. Things are moving forward and we have a very full agenda this year. The tracts for this year's Connect are Administration/Managers, Energy, Weeds, Education and Outreach, General Technical, and Urban.
- As a requirement to receive funds from NRCS, ODA, and OWEB we needed to have a district handle the funds. Wallowa SWCD agreed to do this job and needed to sign an MOU with OCEAN. Jason moved to approve the MOU between Wallowa SWCD and OCEAN for administering funds for Connect 2011. Stacy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Registrations should be going out soon. Information on booking a hotel room before or after Connect will come out with the registration information.



Nonprofit/501c3

- Jackie spoke with Jason and Jeremy about getting moving on the nonprofit process again. Her office has worked on getting the Articles of Incorporation completed and will need some assistance on the mission statement and a few other decisions that the board will need to decide on.
- She also stated that it has been difficult to get her committee going because some were unaware they were on the committee. The board told her to go ahead and contact current members and if need be recruit new members to her board. The board decided that she can go ahead and send out information on the Articles of Incorporation for the board to look at.



Facilitated Work Session

- Jeremy brought up a facilitated work session that can help get the board moving forward and get a lot of the initial tasks of mission statements, visions, short and long range plans established. Ray Ledgerwood offered to provide Larry Ojua with the plan and necessary information for free if Larry would be willing to facilitate the meeting.
- The board showed some concern on any costs that may be associated but encouraged Jeremy to pursue more information on the meeting. The idea is to be able to hold this session around the same time as Connect since the board members will all be present.
- The Articles of Incorporation may get postponed until after this session since a lot of the information needed will be worked on at the facilitated work session.
- Jeremy will report back to the board.



National Leadership Training

- Jeremy received the \$750 stipend from NCDEA and his board covered the rest, so OCEAN had no expenses for this trip. Jeremy said it was an amazing, well worthwhile experience. He said it was fast paced and there were a lot of National and State partners present.
- Some of the workshops he attended were with Ray Ledgerwood on the importance of partnerships. This was also covered in a presentation put on about the partnerships and great accomplishments as a result of them in working on the coast during the oil spill.



Other Business

- Jason brought the 2011 budget back up and everyone had a chance to look at it. Stacy moved to approve the 2011 OCEAN budget as handed out. Malysa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- “Everyone” list usage
Jason suggested that OCEAN business stays on the OCEAN list serves. Since the OACD list serve is not ours and it is not regularly updated it is best to use OCEAN list serves to conduct our business. The board agreed.



The meeting was adjourned at 11:29AM.

“That land is a community is the basic concept of ecology, but that land is to be loved and respected is an extension of ethics.”

Aldo Leopold