



OCEAN Annual Meeting AGENDA

April 30, 2014 @ 4:00PM
The Resort, Welches, Oregon

Attendance

Baker County SWCD's

Josh Uriarte

Benton SWCD

Teresa Matteson

Clackamas SWCD

Tom Salzer
Clair Klock
Lisa Kilders
Doug Fenwick
Cathy McQueeney
Chris Conrad
Katey Gelet
Jenne Reische
Marlene Lloyd
Jason Faucera
Jeremy Baker

Clatsop SWCD

Wendi Agalzoff

Columbia SWCD

Kari Hollander
Malysa Page
Nathan Herr
Tyler Joki
Crystalyn Bush

Curry SWCD

Liesl Coleman

Douglas SWCD

Walt Barton

East Multnomah SWCD

Julie DiLeone

Gilliam SWCD

Sandy McKay

Lincoln SWCD

Aaron Duzik

Morrow SWCD

Janet Greenup

OACD/SWCC

Mel Omeg

Polk SWCD

Liz Graham

Sherman SWCD

Drew Messenger

Tualatin SWCD

Judy Marsh
Jen Nelson
Jill Bonanno
Lacey Townsend

Umatilla SWCD

Tom Demianew

Wallowa SWCD

Lisa Mahon

Wasco SWCD

Shilah Olson

Yamhill SWCD

Clay Wesson

Meeting Called to Order

The President, Jeremy Baker, called the meeting to order at 4:13PM. The meeting started with a brief welcome. Jeremy asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Malysa Page made a motion to move the election of Representatives and Officers to the beginning of the Agenda. There was a brief discussion and it was voted on. Malysa Page and Tyler Joki voted in favor of the motion and all other voting members present voted against. The motion did not pass.

Financial Report

Janet reported there is \$4,638.06 in the OCEAN checking account and gave the breakdown of expenses spent to date; Conference Calls \$256.22, Non-profit expenses \$1,411.12, and Board Meetings/Work Sessions \$1361.10, and office expenses: \$29.20. This does not include the membership dues that were paid with Connect registrations. Jason Faucera motioned to approve the financial report and Teresa Matteson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

OCEAN Accomplishments:

Jeremy presented OCEAN's accomplishments over the last few years.

- Developed a Business Plan, Communications Plan, and Marketing Plan
- Created a Website-www.oceanconnect.org
- Assisted OACD in planning their annual conference
- Have garnered name recognition among key partners
- Implemented an awards program and an automated Employee Service awards program
- Budget remains in the Black
- New logo
- Successfully planned and hosted Connect for 4 years.
- Expanding Connect to a joint conference with Watershed Councils

OCEAN's Business Plan and 3 Year Action Plan

- Continue to plan and host Connect
- Begin to facilitate Regional Trainings
- Formalize general housekeeping duties
- Assist in revitalizing Basin Meeting in partnership with OACD and NRCS
 - Host them quarterly to semi-annually
 - Include boards and staff
 - A time to share ideas with each other
 - Tom Salzer spoke up and stated that instead of helping, now is the time for OCEAN to step up and be a leader and invite OACD and NRCS to come along.
- Developing a New Employee Welcome Packet
- Move OCEAN Newsletter to online where it will be more of a blog style.
- Continue to expand the district directory
- Apply for 501c3.
 - OCEAN will be applying for 501c3 within the next year. The application was halted because the IRS was asking for our outlook over the next three years and OCEAN did not have that established. The board felt it was important to stop the application process and establish what we want to accomplish in the next three years, including the funding needed to accomplish those goals. We also are establishing policies to make sure that we comply with 501c3 rules.

Partnership Update

Ryan Gordon gave a partnership update. NOWC and OACD signed an MOU between the two organizations at the request of OWEB to establish a more streamlined system to get dollars on the ground. The two organizations will share resources and continue to build a broader partnership. NOWC are also working with the Coalition of Oregon Land Trust (COLT) to work together more down the road. Together, as partners larger scale projects can be accomplished and more efficient implementation of dollars can go to on-the-ground work. Together, with OCEAN, more training can be provided for Watershed Council and SWCD employees.

Ryan closed with some key points of our partnerships together:

- We all can work together to host more regional meetings and trainings
- It is important to remember that we have our own identities and the purpose of joining together is not to water down our individual identities but to bring more credibility to all of our organizations as we work together and build on our partnerships.
- From this point forward have joint conferences
- NOWC, for Watershed Councils, fills the role that OACD and OCEAN fill together for SWCD boards and employees.
- Connect continue to be a technical focused training.
- OACD/NOWC Fall Conference focus on Board training, socializing, partnerships, broader issues, including policies

Board Elections

North Coast – *Malyssa Page nominated Tyler Joki. Tyler accepted the nomination. Nathan Herr seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

Snake River – *Shilah Olson nominated Lisa Mahon. Lisa accepted the nomination. Jason Faucera seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

Southwest Oregon – *Josh Uriarte nominated Walt Barton. Walt accepted the nomination. Tyler Joki seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

Upper Willamette – *Lisa Mahon nominated Teresa Matteson. Teresa accepted the nomination. Jason Faucera seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

At-large C – *Shilah Olson nominated Liz Graham. Liz accepted the nomination. Teresa Matteson seconded the nomination. Nathan Herr nominated Kari Hollander. Kari accepted the nomination. Liesl Coleman seconded the nomination. Each nominee explained why they are interested in running for the position. The membership voted Liz-21 votes and Kari-5 votes. Liz won by a majority vote.*

High Desert – There were no nominations for this position and the current holder, Marty Goold was not present at the meeting. The position will remain vacant until the board nominates a member to fill this position.

The competition in one position and the lack of interest and attendance in another position brought about the discussion of potentially changing the Representative areas. This is something that the board will look at and discuss over the next year.

Officer Elections

There was concern shown about the board, and not the members, electing officers. Lisa explained that this was one of the suggestions for 501c3 organizations. It shows that the board has authority and functions as a board overseeing the organization. The second reason is that the board works closely together on a regular basis so they would have a better idea of who would function best in the various officer positions. This is something we can discuss further more in the future. This procedure was approved by the membership in 2013 and is in the OCEAN Bylaws, so we must follow the protocol to change the Bylaws in order to change this procedure. After no further discussion, the board proceeded with elections.

***President** – Shilah Olson nominated Jason Faucera. Lisa Mahon seconded the nomination. And the board voted yes unanimously.*

***Vice President** – Lisa Mahon nominated Shilah Olson. Teresa Matteson seconded the nomination and the board voted yes unanimously.*

***Secretary** – Shilah Olson nominated Lisa Mahon. Jeremy Baker seconded the nomination and the board voted yes unanimously.*

***Treasurer**– Shilah Olson nominated Janet Greenup. Walt Barton seconded the nomination and the board voted yes unanimously.*

Jason Faucera thanked Jeremy Baker for all his hard work over the last 5 years as OCEAN's president.

Teresa Matteson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lisa Mahon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lisa Mahon