

**Approved 12/13/2018**

## OCEAN board meeting minutes Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Attendance:**

Jeremy Baker	Clint Nichols	Cathy McQueeney
Jason Faucera	Herb Winters	
Shilah Olson	Janet Greenup	

### **#1. Call to Order 2:39pm**

Bryan Vogt's position with SWCD has change to cover more work, is asking to resign from the OCEAN board, JB to determine if that resignation is immediate or at the end of his term.

### **#2. Minutes**

- Do not have the minutes from the last meeting, so we will table until the next meeting
- OCEAN material on Google Team Drive
- In the future, Jeremy will have the link to the Team Drive in the draft agenda email to the board with the password

### **#3. Treasure's Report**

- Received money from Yamhill for meals. 3693.70
- All bills paid.
- JG shared with the board extension application for filing Annual Report and Cert. of Liability
- East Multnomah SWCD is primary address for the Western Surety Bond. Bond is to cover the board members.
- In the future, make the addresses the same for other OCEAN documents
- *Motion to approve – JF, JG seconded, motion carried*

### **#4. OCEAN 2019 Budget**

- JF discussed the 2019 OCEAN and CONNECT budget shared with the board.
- \$30,000 in income over expenses, unappropriated contingency funding for 1 year of OCEAN and CONNECT
- \$15,000 of starting cash is from the OrCP grant that will be received this FY but pay for next year's contractor expenses
- OCEAN board needs to help raise \$15,000 from sponsorships to complete the budget as planned
  - Lack of sponsorships would not affect scholarships, but would affect the quality of OCEAN (handouts) and/or diminish the amount of income OCEAN generates from CONNECT
  - Could potentially be taken out of the proposed ED salary (see below)
- Proposed Future Action
  - Hire an ED for OCEAN with \$13,996 from the budget
    - CN asked about the ability of OCEAN to maintain an ED position as a contractor instead of a payroll position and that the ED position would need to be clearly defined to justify cost.
    - JB suggested it would be a topic to discuss at the strategic planning in Feb. JB also mentioned increasing the ask from future grants to fund this position.
    - KH also brought up the topic of the contractor/employee issue.
  - \$4,000 to cover travel expenses for two strategic planning meetings
  - \$550 for updating the web site
  - Continue to not budget money for taxes and have JG prepare them for OCEAN

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- Regional training grants: tiered awards for grants to trainings throughout the state
- *Decision tabled until Dec. meeting to approve*

### **#5. 2019 CONNECT Planning Updates**

- Ed track at capacity
- Other tracks, Ed, admin, 3 technical tracks, 1 fire (tech) track
- LM waiting for the OCEAN board to approve document layouts, OCEAN board wanted to wait to see the OCEAN 2019 budget before approving
- *JF motioned to approve the sponsor packet as presented, with option to include the NOWC partnership language, also to receive cost sharing funds at the end of CONNECT, SO seconded, motion passed*
- *JF motion to approve the cost matrix for registration, KH seconded, motion - passed unanimously*
- *JF motion to approve the same structure as last year for scholarship requests, JG seconded, motion passed unanimously*
- Connect Conference Registration will open in Dec. 2018
- Draft agenda will be available to the OCEAN board at the Dec. mtg.

### **#6. Meeting date and time change**

- Change the monthly meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10:30am starting January ,  
*JF motioned, CM seconded, motion passed unanimously*

### **#7. Regional Training Grant**

- Want to increase the grant budget
- JF rec including Land Trusts, SO explained that for a pilot it would be for SWCDs and WC. Preference for SWCD that do not have a tax base or WC with council support grants
- *JF moved to accept the OCEAN regional training grant program rules as proposed, CM seconded, motion =passed unanimously*
  
- Discussion to extend the grant application deadline to Jan or Feb.2019, and that applications could be accepted as long as there were a few weeks prior to the event.

### **#8. Partnership Reports/Updates**

- SO had conversation with Meta (OWEB) on leveraging partnerships with other agencies to increase landowner recruitment, find out what landowners opinion is with working with SWCDs, WCs, what can they do better/are doing well to engage landowners for projects. Asking if OCEAN would like to be involved. Potential grant funding available.
- JB learned at partnership meeting, Polk Co assessor decided to look at riparian restoration has changing land use away from EFU and increasing the property taxes including back taxes. Big concern for restoration activities.

### **#9. Meeting Adjourned 4:46pm**

Submitted by Clint Nichols