

OCEAN ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, June 18, 2020 @ 10AM  
MINUTES

- 1 The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chair Jeremy Baker. Jeremy explained that due to COVID-19 an in person meeting was not allowed so we are having a Zoom meeting and he asked for patience as we go through this meeting. Jeremy reviewed the ground rules for asking questions or offering comments. Clint Nichols will monitor the texting section for the meeting. This meeting is OCEANs regular June meeting and Annual Meeting so some items will pertain to the regular meeting, ie minutes & financial report.
- 2 Clint took roll call for attendance: Jeremy Baker East Multnomah SWCD chair; Courtney Shaff OWEB, Janet Greenup Morrow SWCD secretary; Clint Nichols Jackson SWCD vice-chair; Kelly Dawes Tualatin SWCD treasurer; Herb Winter Gilliam SWCD board member; Erin Kilcullen Deschutes SWCD; Malysa Legg Columbia SWCD; Kyle Waggoner Umatilla Co. SWCD board member; Judy Marsh Tualatin SWCD; Jason Jeans NRCS; Cathy McQueeney Clackamas Co. SWCD; Jared Huddleston Morrow SWCD; Debra Paul West Multnomah SWCD; Jason Faucera Clackamas Co. SWCD; Julie DeLeone East Multnomah SWCD; Michele; Renee Magyar; Rhonda Black Umpqua SWCD; Scott Susi Wasco Co. SWCD board member; Gary Faw Malheur Co. SWCD; Marganne Allen ODA; Todd Peplin Deschutes SWCD; Lisa Kilders Clackamas Co. SWCD; Jan Lee OACD.

Clint explained how to make comments or ask questions and how voting will occur. Clint will monitor the text area in order to include questions or comments.

PARTNER REPORTS:

ODA-Marganne Allen-Program Manager began her position in February. She gave an update on her agency and office protocol dealing with COVID-19. A hiring freeze continues delaying filling 2 water quality positions and 1 SWCD manager. Other subjects discussed: COVID-19 How we are doing business; director elections in November; challenges with online environment; SIAs & Biennial Review; HB 2437-dealing with dry channels in Ag-out for review; July 8 Ag Water Quality/PAC meeting online.

OWEB-Courtney Shaff reported on the Board's pause on future Monitoring, Land Acquisition, & Weed grants; Fall 2019 small grants are funded. Fall 2019 open solicitation grants are funded in full. Lottery dollars are down and are projected to be down 16% for the biennium. They are working on an operation reduction plan. Future grants will be funded as funds become available.

NRCS-Jason Jeans Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations reported on a new TA tool-Customer Client Gateway; dealing with staff retirement and hiring new employees and seeing customers by appointment statewide.

OACD-Jan Lee Executive Director reported on pandemic issues, Sage Grouse; RCPP contract review by the end of the year; formation of an Advocacy Committee, existing grants, Working Lands Committee and Future Water Vision

Minutes of May, 2020 meeting were reviewed by Secretary Janet Greenup. A **motion** was made by Jason Faucera to approve the minutes as received, seconded by Kelly Dawes. Motion passed by 73%

Financial report was presented by Treasurer Kelly Dawes. Account balance including the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 is \$41,296.96 after refunds were made for Connect 2020 registrations and paying for the convention planner. Kelly also reported on the financial policy and changes presented by the Board to allow the use of a debit card or pay pal for financial transactions. A **motion** was made by Kyle to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Jason. Motion passed with 94% approval. A **motion** was made by Jason to approve changes to the Financial Policy, seconded by Clint. Motion passed.

2019 Highlights-Janet Greenup. Changes were made to the Executive Board officers. Janet accepted the secretary position replacing Jason and Kelly accepted the treasurer position replacing Janet. Heppner will remain the legal address

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for OCEAN and the bank account will remain at Bank of Eastern Oregon. Most transactions can be completed online. The Boards 2019 Strategic Planning session was held at the ODFW office in The Dalles. One of the top priorities was the importance of networking at the Board level and at Connect. Also at the top of the list was increased involvement of both SWCD employees/OCEAN members and partners in activities increasing capacity and reducing Board workload. A very important item of discussion included the need for an Executive Coordinator to assume some of the duties currently completed by Board Members. Position descriptions have been drafted. One for an EC and one for clerical assistance that a SWCD may be interested in fulfilling.

2020 Highlights-Herb Winters. The 2020 Strategic Planning basically mirrored the items discussed at the 2019 meeting with more detailed discussion. A three-year plan for 2020-2021-2022 of what we can accomplish was a high priority topic.

Herb also presented details on the ongoing discussion with NRCS for OCEAN to provide some training and certification sessions. This has not been finalized.

**State of the Organization:** Jeremy reported on Connect 2020 that didn't occur. The conference was cancelled at the last hour. The health and safety of all attendees was considered in the decision to cancel the meeting. The Board tried to work out a web based program, but it didn't work out.

Jeremy commended our Conference Planner Daphne Plump for her knowledge, skills & abilities and he would really like to hire her for next years' conference. He stated that her fee would be much more than this year.

For the future Jeremy would like to see more partners involved and more focused agreements with NRCS. Jeremy requested a one year extension on NRCS conference funding and was approved.

Our website is in great need of updates & enhancements. This is an ongoing project.

Length of Service Awards: Information for these awards is gathered from the district directory. SWCDs are reminded to keep the directory updated. Clackamas Co. SWCD has printed and will mail the certificates. Recipients receiving awards in 5 year increments are:

### ELECTIONS

Representatives: Columbia Plateau. Jason nominated Herb (accepted) Kelly seconded the nomination

Eastern Oregon At Large B No nomination

Metro (Portland, Salem) Clint nominated Jeremy (accepted) Scott seconded the nomination

Southern Oregon Jason nominated Clint (accepted) Rhonda seconded the nomination

Western At Large A Kelly nominated Cathy McQueeney (accepted) Clint seconded the nomination

NW Oregon –vacant no nomination

Jeremy moved to approved all nominations seconded by Clint. All representatives were approved by a majority vote.

### COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Jason thanked all who attended. Kyle gave kudos to meeting organizers. Jeremy thanked everyone for their reports and participation.

Jason made a motion to adjourn seconded by Kyle, motion passed.

Submitted by Janet Greenup