



OCEAN Regular Board Meeting – August 21, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Zoom Teleconference –
<https://zoom.us/j/96558952911>

Present: Jeremy Baker, Scott Susi, Kyle Waggoner, Cathy McQueeney, Jason Faucera
 Arrived Late: Janet Greenup, Clint Nichols
 Absent: Kelly Dawes, Herb Winters

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Item #	Time	Board Meeting Agenda Item	Purpose	Presenter	Packet Materials <i>please review</i>
1	10:00am	Welcome and Call To Order Jeremy called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Voting on items will be postponed until a quorum of 6 is achieved.	Info/Action	Baker	
<p><u>Overview:</u> a. Review/approve agenda – no additions or changes b. Announcements</p>					
2	10:05	Review meeting minutes	Action	Greenup	2.OCEAN Mtng Minutes July 2020 draft
<p><u>Overview:</u> Kyle moved/ Scott seconded to approve meeting minutes for the July, 2020 board meeting, as submitted. <i>Approved unanimously.</i></p>					
3	10:15	Treasurer Report	Action	Dawes	
<p><u>Overview:</u> Kelly was not present to provide the treasurer’s report. Jeremy reviewed bank statement. Expressed concerns about sharing identifying information (account number, etc.) in meeting materials moving forward. We had a beginning balance of \$43, 287.99. OWEB reimbursed remainder of CONNECT funds equaling \$12, 150.00. One debit to Dept. of Justice for \$90. Ending balance for July of \$55, 139.52.</p>					
4	10:30	NRCS Grants Update	Update	Winters/Baker	
<p><u>Overview:</u> a. Grant Updates – Jeremy reported that he had not heard anything from NRCS regarding the grant. Jason reformatted grant request. End of the fiscal year is very busy for them. May not hear anything until the end of September.</p>					
5	10:40	CONNECT 2021	Update	Baker	
<p><u>Overview:</u> a. Discuss RFP and feasibility of offering a mid-year training. Jeremy worked on updating the RFP for the event planner, but has misplaced it at the moment. Cathy noted that partners or event participants may have a budget conflict in attending more than one CONNECT conference/event in the same calendar year. Jason agrees that a mini mid-year training could be a good opportunity for the planner to gain experience. He recommends we have this in the spring – one full day? Five days in a row? A spring event would need to be inexpensive so folks could plan to come to the big CONNECT conference in October. Jason noted that these dates would fall into two different budget calendars. Janet recommended offering it for free in order to encourage membership. Jason noted that this would be a good marketing/promotion opportunity for the fall CONNECT event.</p>					

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6	10:50	OrCP Updates			
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Overview:

a. **Content sharing** – Jeremy noted that the partnership is responsible for delivering presentations to the state as part of their current grant. In order to help achieve this, Kelly Beamer wants to tap into OCEAN’s climate change presentations for use in their webinars. Jeremy expressed hesitancy as this is OCEAN’s only contribution to the partnership and has an impact on the funding we receive from the partnership. Kelly would like to have access to the entire climate change track. Jeremy and others agree that this is not something we can just give away. How many sessions can be shared? One or two? How many is too many? An entire track?

Jason noted that COLT could contact the presented directly to get the necessary information.
 Cathy proposed putting a dollar value on the sessions and leasing/selling their use to COLT. It was noted that they do not have the funds to pay for this.

Jeremy reviewed the current grant distribution system in the Partnership and explained why OCEAN might not want to give this content away.

Jason talked of the value of the partnership and how CONNECT will need these partners in Fall 2021. If the partnership suffers, CONNECT will suffer. He suggested that COLT bring this request to an OCEAN board meeting to ask directors, not just Jeremy, for this content and to explain how this is this not a violation of our partnership.

b. **Facilitation & upcoming biennium agreement**

Jeremy invited other directors to join him and Kelly Dawes in conversations with the partnership regarding the upcoming biennium agreement. Jason noted that he would be available to join these discussions.

Jeremy shared that the next biennium agreement will have to be created prior to CONNECT 2021. He expects there to be changes to increase equitability for OCEAN. This might require some extra work and commitment on OCEAN’s part.

Jason explained why he believes COLT is a member of the partnership and what “non-compete” and other benefits OCEAN enjoys as a member of the partnership.

7	11:05	Membership & Dues	Update	Baker	7a.OCEAN Sheet flyer for Membership
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Overview:

a. **Flyer from Cathy and Clint**

Use content to enhance membership and show everyone what we’re doing. Scott and Jason will review to see how to use this information to encourage membership. Kelly offered to have Tualatin SWCD create a flyer to include in the membership packet. Jason asked board members to review document and send comments to him by next Friday (8/28) so he and Scott can tidy this up and share with Kelly.

b. **Discuss possibility of putting together an advisory committee or emeritus position.**

Jeremy tabled this for now. We have 2 open seats on the board that still need to be filled.

Jeremy also discussed having a meeting with District managers to update them on what OCEAN is currently doing, find out what needs they still have that could be filled by OCEAN, and to learn what other support districts need to enable district staff to participate on the OCEAN board or committees. Clint thought this would be a good task for regional representatives. Conversation includes how some may only perceive OCEAN as the CONNECT conference. NRCS funding will change the deliverables OCEAN will be able to offer districts.

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8	11:20	Review of Action Items & Workloads Updates	Update	Baker	
		n/a			
<i>Overview:</i>					
9	11:30	Adjourn Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.	Action	ALL	

OCEAN Board Members, Committees and Meeting Dates

Board			Term	Committees				
Rep Areas	Members	Officers		Grants & Agreements	Sponsorship	Regional Training Grant	CONNECT	Website
Columbia Plateau	Herb Winters		2020	x		x		
Eastern Oregon	Kyle Waggoner		2019			x		
Eastern At Large - A	Janet Greenup	Secretary	2019					
Eastern At Large- B	Currently unfilled		2020					
Eastern At Large - C	Scott Susi		2019					
Portland/Salem Metro	Jeremy Baker	President	2020	x			x	x
Northwest Oregon	Currently Unfilled							
Southern Oregon	Clint Nichols	Vice President	2020					
Western At Large - A	Cathy McQueeney		2020				x	
Western At Large - B	Jason Faucera		2019	x	x			x
Western At Large - C	Kelly Dawes	Treasurer	2021				x	