

Approved October 21, 2021

OCEAN Board Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2021



PRESENT: Jason Faucera, Kelly Dawes, Cathy McQueeney, Cynthia Warnock, Clint Nichols, Janet Greenup, Jeremy Baker, Samantha Bourque, Alexandria Scott

ABSENT: Herb Winters, Victoria Fischella

1) CALL TO ORDER - President called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2) CONNECT 2022 Timing - Cynthia wanted to talk about the timing of CONNECT and if the board was leaning towards an in-person or virtual conference before she reached out to Daphne. Due to too many logistics and the cost of planning a conference, everyone agreed it had to be either in person or virtual regardless if it happened in spring or fall. Punting the conference to the fall will give the contractor more time to plan and hopefully give more assurances for in-person gatherings. Cynthia will follow up with Corey to give them a heads up and see if it makes a difference if the conference takes place before or after September 30th to fall within the fiscal year for the grant.

3) Website (Addition by Alexandria) - Jeremy was able to follow up with Hoopla Creative since the August 19th board meeting, send them the contract and they submitted their first invoice already. The board read through the NRCS grant agreement and decided the training coordinator (Samantha) should be the point of contact for Hoopla Creative. Kelly, Victoria and Jeremy are going to have a first flush meeting with them and then present everything to the board for whatever decisions need to be made

4) CONNECT Title - Cynthia was wondering about the title of CONNECT during Partnership years. Everyone agreed it would be good to have clarification between partnership years and regular years which is just for districts. Cathy suggested CONNECT+. Everyone was encouraged to think it over before the next board meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER –

Item: Cynthia talks to the Partnership to let them know the board wants to have an in-person CONNECT in the fall.

Item: Cynthia sends Corey an email about CONNECT potentially moving to the fall to make sure the money's fall within the fiscal year or how that will work. Cynthia signs a \$90,000 NRCS grant agreement for CONNECT.

Item: Jeremy works with a subcommittee of the board, Samantha and Hoopla Creative to kick off the work on the website, but will bring any big picture stuff to the rest of the board.

Item: Think of names for Partnership years of CONNECT for the next board meeting.

Cynthia adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Meeting Notes Submitted By: Alexandria Scott, OCEAN Administrative Support Contractor