

Approved 11/18/21



OCEAN Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

PRESENT: Herb Winters, Kelly Dawes, Cathy McQueeney, Cynthia Warnock, Clint Nichols, Janet Greenup, Victoria Fischella, Jeremy Baker, Samantha Bourque, Alexandria Scott, Daphne Plump

ABSENT: Jason Faucera

1) CALL TO ORDER - President called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2) MEETING MINUTES - Board approved the August 19th, August 30th and September meeting minutes. Draft meeting minutes from the strategic planning meeting will be approved at the November board meeting.

Cathy moved to accept the August 19th meeting minutes with the correction of her name and adding Alexandria's name as the author, Victoria seconded. All approved unanimously. Kelly moved to accept August 30th meeting minutes with the correction of Cathy's name and adding Alexandria's name as the author, Clint seconded. All approved unanimously. Cathy moved to accept September meeting minutes with the correction of Cathy's name and adding Alexandria's name as the author, Janet seconded. All approved unanimously.

3) TREASURER REPORT - Formal financials will be provided at the November board meeting. The main update for the group was that the \$5,500 from the license plates is now in the bank.

4) NEW OCEAN LOGO ITERATION - The board reviewed the latest iteration of the logo from Hoopla Creative. They thought the book looked much more realistic this time around, but the Oregon Conservation Education & Assistance Network font needs a little more work, but is much closer than the last iteration.

5) CONNECT PLUS 2022 - The board met with D. Plump Consulting to talk about the CONNECT PLUS conference moving to fall 2022. After the contract is finalized, D. Plump Consulting can start planning. The next step will be for the board to narrow down its top two choices for the date of the conference. Once the contractor has the two dates and preferred cities/towns she can start talking to venues. Hybrid conferences (in-person & a virtual option) are becoming more popular. Doing a hybrid model will be more costly if the board decides to go that route, but would be accommodating to individuals still concerned with covid next fall. The board discussed September 19th - 22nd or September 26th - 30th as possible dates for the conference.

6) WEBSITE HOSTING - In the course of upgrading the website it is likely that OCEAN will have to also move its hosting to a new provider, possibly with the folks developing the Directory app. Further discussion will be needed to make a decision on this. In the meantime, the current web hosting is due, Jason needed approval to make that monthly payment.

Cathy made a motion to reimburse Jason Faucera \$23.94 for the existing website hosting that will be switching to monthly instead of annually, Jeremy seconded. All approved unanimously.

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7) CONTRACTOR UPDATES - The admin support contractor and programs contractor will be setting up monthly meetings to make sure they are communicating and working on deliverables together efficiently. The programs contractor met with NRCS recently to get information about a veteran farmer success story for deliverable 6 of the grant which will be great content for the future newsletter and blog.

8) LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OWEB GRANT - Wasco Co. SWCD reached out to the OCEAN President for a letter of support for an OWEB grant for a survey to collect feedback from landowners on working with SWCDs.

Jeremy made a motion to approve Cynthia writing a letter of support for Wasco Co. SWCD for the OWEB grant that will be reviewed by the board and then sent out, Janet seconded. All approved unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER -

Item: Cynthia & Jeremy work together to draft CONNECT Plus contract and then send it to the board for approval before it is sent to D. Plump Consulting.

Item: Kelly sends an email to let Jason know about the OCEAN debit card and that the reimbursement was approved for the existing website hosting. Further discussion will be needed to talk about moving to another host.

Item: Cynthia will send a draft letter of support for Wasco Co. SWCD to the board for feedback before sending it.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m., Kelly seconded. All approved unanimously.

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