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# **Oregon Conservation Education & Assistance Network Annual Meeting Minutes April 17, 2024**



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**PRESENT:** Cynthia Warnock (Wallowa SWCD), Cathy McQueeney (Clackamas SWCD), Kelly Dawes (Tualatin SWCD), Jason Faucera (Clackamas SWCD), Herb Winters (Gilliam SWCD), Jeremy Baker (East Multnomah SWCD), Jill Smedstad (Jackson SWCD), Erik Rook (Monument SWCD), Victoria Fischella (Upper Willamette SWCD), Alexandria Scott (OCEAN), Morgan Neil (Polk SWCD), Jodi Johnson (Malheur SWCD), Karin Stutzman (ODA SWCD Program), Andrea Kreiner (OACD), Cassi Newton (Wheeler SWCD), Kyle Waggoner (Umatilla SWCD), Lisa Kilders (Clackamas SWCD), Julie Dileone (East Multnomah SWCD), Todd Peplin (Deschutes SWCD), Holly Crosson (Benton SWCD), Liesl Coleman (Curry SWCD)

**1) CALL TO ORDER & REVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA** - OCEAN's President, Cynthia Warnock called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**2) ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023** - Cynthia Warnock reviewed the following 2023 accomplishments with attendees.

- The OCEAN board held an in-person Strategic Planning meeting in the Dalles this fall. The board had great conversations around how to keep districts connected, barriers to districts engaging, getting districts to update the directory, what other services could OCEAN provide, and how to define what OCEAN membership gets you. OCEAN is getting ready to send out an RFP for a Communications Contractor that would help share information about NRCS programs and help with some communications/outreach for OCEAN as well.
- With covid the board had some catching up to do on goals set in 2022, so we have also been working to complete those.
- We have also been busy getting things planned for CONNECT+ and we want to give a huge thanks to the planning committee for all of its work this year.

**3) ELECTIONS OF AREA REPRESENTATIVES** - OCEAN Election Policy states that area representatives are to be nominated by the general membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The elected representatives will then elect the Executive Committee (Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President). The following is a list of Area Representative Positions up for election:

1. **Columbia Plateau Representative** - Currently represented by Herb Winters (Gillam County SWCD)
2. **Portland/Salem Metro Representative** - Currently represented by Jeremy Baker (East Multnomah SWCD)
3. **Western At-Large Representative A** - Currently represented by Cathy McQueeney (Clackamas SWCD)
4. **Western At-Large Representative C** - Currently represented by Kelly Dawes (Tualatin SWCD)
5. **Southern Oregon Representative** - Jill Smedstad (Jackson SWCD)

*Cathy McQueeney nominated Herb Winters (Gillam County SWCD), Jeremy Baker (East Multnomah SWCD), Cathy McQueeney (Clackamas SWCD), Kelly Dawes (Tualatin SWCD) and Jill Smedstad (Jackson SWCD) to serve another term on the OCEAN board the nomination was seconded by Liesl Coleman. The election was unanimous.*

**6. Northwest Representative** – Currently represented by Victoria Fischella (Upper Willamette SWCD). *Morgan Neil (Polk SWCD) was nominated by Cynthia Warnock (Wallowa SWCD), Kelly Dawes (Tualatin SWCD) seconded. The election was unanimous.*

The following is a list of Area Representative Positions that were vacant:

1. **Eastern At-Large Rep. B** - *Herb Winters (Gillam County SWCD) nominated Cassi Newton (Wheeler SWCD), Jeremy Baker (East Multnomah SWCD) seconded. The election was unanimous.*
2. **Eastern At-Large Rep. C** - *Jodi Johnson (Malheur SWCD) was nominated by Jeremy Baker (East*

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*Multnomah SWCD), Eric Rook (Monument SWCD) seconded. The election was unanimous.*

3. **Western At-Large Rep. B - Kyle Waggoner (Umatilla SWCD) was nominated by Jason Faucera (Clackamas SWCD), Eric Rook (Monument SWCD) seconded. The election was unanimous.**

5) **ADJOURN- Jason Faucera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Kelly Dawes seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.**

**Meeting Minutes Submitted By:** Alexandria Scott, OCEAN Administrative Support Contractor