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 4/9/2024 MINUTES

Board of Directors Staff & guests

 Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1 Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager

 Jim McElligott – Vice Chair, At-large Kevin Payne – District Manager

Colin McElligott – Zone 2

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Miff Devin.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved by the board.

The board approved the purchase of spray containers for around $740.00 for the upcoming Spray Days in April.

**STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS**: Written staff reports were included in board packets; the March financial reports will be reviewed at the April board meeting.

**PARTNER REPORTS**: Kevin read through Jennifer Wilson’s report for NRCS. CSP 2024 applications were due March 29th. Morrow County received 35 applications. Finishing up EQIP contracting, so far we have been able to fund 17 contracts. There has been no CRP workload at this time. NRCS, FSA, and the SWCD will participate in the Port of Morrow workforce training program.

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE**: Kevin updated the board on our lease amendment concerning the painting and security system requirements. Kevin informed the board of the 2024 election information, Brian Doherty - Zone 3, Duane Neiffer - At-Large 1, and Jim McElligott – At-Large 2 will need to run this year on the ballot.

Kevin stated the proposed days of our upcoming Free Spray Days. Monday April 13th in Boardman, Wednesday April 15th in Irrigon, and Friday April 17th in Heppner.

Kevin updated the board on the little league batting cages that are being developed adjacent to the office building.

Kevin informed the board that our Morrow County annual grass control OWEB Large Grant was approved for funding. The Lower Willow Creek Groundwater Recharge project with OWRD was also approved for funding.

Our district offered the open CREP Tech position to Jared Schiller and he accepted the offer of employment. Jared Schiller is currently looking for housing options in the Heppner area.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be May 14th at 6pm in Heppner at the Ag Service Center building and available via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.