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6/4/2024 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 Shiloh Simrell - ODA

Corey Sweeney – Weed Coordinator

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

Kevin brought up the need to purchase new tires for the District’s Jeep which will be more than $500.00. Jim made a motion for the approval of purchasing new tires and Colin seconded. The motion passed all in favor.

**STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS**: Written staff reports were included in board packets; the May financial reports were reviewed by the board.

**PARTNER REPORTS**: Cory Sweeney shared his quarterly weed report (report will be attached with minutes).

Shiloh Simrell shared her report with Oregon Department of Agriculture. She introduced herself to our board and stated that she will be filling in the role as the ODA Water Quality Specialist for Morrow County. She talked about her involvement with the LUBGWMA area and working along side our district with our upcoming Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) Groundwater project located in the north end of the county.

Kevin shared Jennifer Wilson’s report for NRCS. CSP ranking and eligibility is due coming up on June 7th. They are done contracting EQIP and are taking applications for the Fall deadline. 2 CRP contracts were accepted and there is a Grassland CRP signup until June 28th. Nathan Adelman is the new John Day Basin Team leader replacing Jay Gibbs and is interested in attending a district board meeting.

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE**: Kevin talked about the MARS (Mt. Adams Resource Stewards) crew that came in May which is part of an Oregon Department of Forestry grant to create defensible space around the Blakes Ranch, Cutsforth Park, and Penland Lake area. Kevin informed the board that he signed the security system agreement that was a part of the new USDA lease requirement upgrades.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be September 10th at 6pm in Heppner at the Ag Service Center building and available via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.