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## KSWCD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES August 13, 2025

### Attendance:

#### Board Members:

**Present:** Ken Masten, Jolene Robison, David Cone, Charles Dehlinger, Lyndon Kerns, Earl Miller.

**Excused:** Bobby Douglas.

**Others Absent:** none

**District Staff:** Misty Buckley

**Agencies:** none.

**Community/Other:** Klamath Watershed Partnership (Bill Lehman)

### Proceedings:

**Meeting called to order:** 12:34 pm – Ken Masten

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Agenda Additions/Changes:** Introduction of guest preceded business. Addition of 1) discussion to change the starting time of the September Regular Meeting, 2) payment of registration for upcoming events, and 3) discussion of Lakeview concern.

- Approve Financials for July 2025 – Earl had a question about a deposit that showed as a ‘zero.’ Charles Dehlinger had a question about unrestricted funds and where proceeds from surplus equipment had been credited. David Cone motioned to approve the July 2025 financial reports. Earl Miller seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Approve Financials for June 2025 – Approval of financial reports were postponed from the previous month. Jolene Robison motioned to approve of the June 2025 financial reports. David Cone seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Approve Minutes for July 2025 Regular Meeting – Julie Jespersen had a question regarding the date to write off the uncollectable equipment rental debts and asked if it should be included in the previous fiscal year or if it should be effective as of the date of the meeting. Consensus was to make it effective within the past fiscal year and Julie asked that the draft minutes be amended to specify that. Charles Dehlinger motioned to approve the minutes for the July 2025 Regular Meeting as amended. Earl Miller seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. Lyndon Kerns arrived.

### Reports:

- SBC – no updates
- NRCS – n/a
- FSA – n/a
- ODA – n/a

- District Manager – Misty e-mailed 8/11/25. Misty reviewed.
- Chair – SDAO has a small grant available to assist districts with security concerns. People remain interested in the no-till drills and continue to engage with Directors but the rental program was suspended and we need to make sure a sale opportunity is advertised.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- None.

### **New Business:**

- SDAO's Best Practices program offers 5 areas where districts can earn 2% credit towards SDIS insurance contributions; in order to receive one 2% credit, our district must have adopted or have a current policy (updated within the last two years) in regards to Paid Leave Oregon. SDAO offers a sample policy; this was not re-formatted for KSWCD at the time of this meeting. Action will be postponed until the September meeting.
- Bill Lehman with Klamath Watershed Partnership presented some information about changes to OWEB's Small Grant program; Klamath Watershed Partnership has facilitated the Klamath team for the last few years and in this biennium will receive administration funding which will be shared with the team. Klamath Watershed Partnership requests a letter of support to be submitted with their team administration application and Misty has provided that for review. Bill also expressed support for NRCS and a strong relationship between KSWCD, KWP, and NRCS. David Cone made a motion to approve a Letter of Support for Klamath Watershed Partnership for OWEB Small Grant Team coordination. Earl Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- KSWCD has been awarded the 2025-2027 Capacity Grant as submitted. Charles Dehlinger made a motion to approve signature of the grant agreement. Lyndon Kerns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The conference room was reserved by another group and will carry into our regular meeting time. We need to adjust the September meeting start time to start 1 hour later than usual. David Cone made a motion for the September 10, 2025 Regular meeting to start at 1:30 p.m. Lyndon Kerns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Annual Conference is Oct 21-23 in Pendleton; with the Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) meeting held in conjunction as well. Attendance should be confirmed & reserved at the September meeting. David Cone made a motion for one board member and the district manager to attend the OACD Annual Conference. Lyndon Kerns seconded the motion but suggested confirming the costs before registering. The motion passed unanimously.
  - The approved annual work plan indicates at least one director shall attend the OACD Annual Conference and Board of Districts meeting; while at least one staff member shall attend the annual Connect Conference.
- Misty Buckley reminded everyone of the Board of Agriculture meeting to be held in Klamath Falls at the Running Y and the upcoming SDAO training also at the Running Y. Charles Dehlinger will attend the SDAO training. Lyndon Kerns made a motion to pay for his registration. David Cone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Bob Webb (Region 3 SWCC commissioner) asked if we had feedback for him to pass along to the SWCC. Misty Buckley reviewed the SWCC agenda. Lyndon Kerns expressed agreement that ODA should replace the Land Use and Water Coordinator position.

### **Board Discussion & Comment:**

- Charles Dehlinger reviewed his concern for an unfinished biomass project in Lakeview and associated economic concerns.
- Lyndon Kerns shared a conversation with Nadine Bailey with Family Water Alliance. FWA, per their website, has been the program manager in cooperation with several state and federal agencies, and private contributors, in spearheading research, development and installation of fish screens on small agricultural diversions. Misty will reach out to Nadine to get more information.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Adjournment:**

- Lyndon Kerns made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Earl Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.