

**Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District
Minutes from June 6th, 2024 District Board Meeting**

Present: Directors: Brian Nakamura, Andrew Halliday, Pete Siragusa, and Ben Saur (zoom)

Associate Directors:

District and NRCS Staff: Heather Hendrixson, Carly Heron (NRCS)

Visitors- none

**Note June's meeting was held in person at the OSU conference room with an online option.*

Consent agenda – Andrew moved, and Pete seconded:

- To approve the minutes of May 2nd, 2024, as written.
- To accept the May 2024 Profit & Loss statement and Balance Sheet as distributed. As of May 31st, the balance in the bank accounts (including the CD) was **\$283,248.69**. Income of \$62,302.89 included \$24,148.50 from ODA for quarterly support, \$634.60 in expense reimbursement from the HRWG, \$16,764.00 from OSWB for Garlic mustard abatement project, \$15,000 from OWEB for the Garcia Irrigation Improvement project, \$5,242 from OWEB for the DeHart Irrigation Improvement Project and \$313.79 from the tree/plant sale.
- Expenses were those authorized at the May meeting.
- To approve payment of bills #5475-5483 and bank transfers to Lease Direct, ADP, and Vanguard as follows:

Bills to be Paid June 6, 2024

Check No.	Payee	Account	Amount
DD/EP	staff	staff wages and liabilities (not SIMPLE IRA)	\$16,729.83
5475	MCAREC	office rent (May 1, 2024 rate increase)	\$1,164.20
5476	US Bank	Clicktime, Zoom, Rockford Grange, garlic mustard supplies	\$468.39
5477	Century Link	Office phone service	\$219.22
5478	Kris Schaedel	misc. expenses reimbursement	\$119.33
5479	Heather Hendrixson	misc. expenses reimbursement	\$42.34
5480	Brittany Welsh	misc. expenses reimbursement	\$179.57
5481	AFS Forestry	garlic mustard crew, Fuentes small grant herbicide spray	\$8,952.16
5482	Torres Orchards	Torres small grant - irrigation upgrade	\$13,454.00
5483	Pacific Office Automation	copies - invoice #225519	\$22.26
EP	ADP	payroll services	\$58.46
EP	Lease Direct	copier lease	\$73.44
EP	Vanguard IRA	Simple IRA	\$1,356.21
		Total	\$42,839.41

The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Heather reported that the **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Focus Investment Partnership grant** was approved and the Hood River Basin Partnership grant was allocated funding. This will

and presented at the Hood River County Board of Commissioners meeting. She also attended the OWEB FIP and monitoring grant meetings.

Directors' reports –

Ben has been busy with on-farm operations and the farmers markets have begun.

Andrew has been busy with planting and trellising new orchard blocks. He also hosted a tour with legislators and their staff.

Pete reported that the water flows in FID and Kingsley Reservoir levels are looking good. The new district manager is doing a great job. He also reported light fruit set on various varieties.

Brian reported he attended the Pear Bureau meeting reception in Skamania last week. EFID had a pre-bid meeting for this Fall's piping project. He has also finished thinning his pears.

Other business Heather reported that the July board meeting will be moved to Thursday July 11th at 4pm at the OSU Conference room.

Permits –No permits of note.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 11th at 4 p.m. at the OSU extension office conference room.

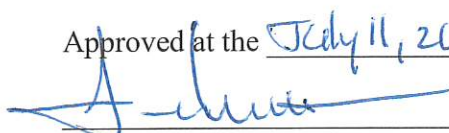
Summary of Actions Taken:

- ✓ Moved, seconded, and approved consent agenda.
- ✓ Moved, seconded, and approved to approve the budget for FY 2024-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Schaedel, Conservation Program Manager

Approved at the July 11, 2024 meeting of the Hood River SWCD.



Brian Nakamura, Chair