



**UMPQUA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 9, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Chair King Phelps, Vice Chair George Black, Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Black, Director Bob Sharp, Director Lincoln Russell, Director Rod Brandon

Staff Present:

Conservation Technician/District Manager Rhonda Black,
Assistant Conservation Technician Laura Smith

Agencies Present:

Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist David Chain,
Smith River Grange #585 Member Carey Jones

Others Present:

Bob and Trish Payton

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. followed by introductions.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Both Conservation Technician/District Manager Rhonda Black and Assistant Conservation Technician Laura Smith gave their reports.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Vice Chair G. Black made a motion, 2nd by Director Russell to approve the agenda for the February 9, 2012 meeting with the addition of item number eight for the election of officers for year 2012. The motion was **unanimously passed**.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Vice Chair G. Black made a motion, 2nd by Secretary/Treasurer T. Black to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2012 meeting. The motion **unanimously passed**.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Vice Chair G. Black made a motion, 2nd by Director Russell to approve the bills. The motion **unanimously passed**.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

January 2012 Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer T. Black provided information for the Treasurer's Report: As of January 31, 2012 the District had \$12,395.74 in the checking account and \$1,807.85 in the savings account.

Vice Chair G. Black made a motion, 2nd by Director Russell to approve the January 2012 Treasurer's Report for audit. The motion **unanimously passed**.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist David Chain provided his report.

Smith River Grange #585 Member Carey Jones reported on the status of the Smith River Country Fair planned for August 2012. Mr. Jones stated the Smith River Grange members had decided they would be willing to put on the fair, but unwilling to prepare the barbeque dinner. The Smith River Grange will also be holding quilt shows in the future and a harvest festival.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Director Brandon reported on the Umpqua Valley Winegrowers Association meeting.

Director G. Black stated the Smith River Grange #585 would be holding its monthly all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast the first Saturday in March.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service Civil Rights Presentation – NRCS District Conservationist David Chain.

NRCS District Conservationist David Chain presented information on Civil Rights.

2. Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District 2010-2011 Annual Report – Action Item:

Vice Chair G. Black made a motion, 2nd by Director Sharp to approve the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District 2010-2011 Annual Report. The motion **unanimously passed**.

3. Presentation: Oregon Department of Agriculture, Permanent Tax Rate:

Tabled until the March meeting.

4. Oregon Association of Conservation District 2012 Dues – Action Item:

Director Sharp made a motion, 2nd by Secretary/Treasurer T. Black to approve the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts 2012 dues in the amount of \$1,000. The **motion unanimously passed**.

5. Oregon Conservation Employees Association Network CONNECT 2012 Training for Employees – Action Item:

Director Sharp made a motion, 2nd by Director Russell to approve sending both District employees to the CONNECT 2012 training April 24 – April 27, 2012 at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort near Warm Springs, Oregon at a cost of approximately \$240 per employee which would include one night extra rooming for each employee on April 24, 2012 due to the travel time associated with driving to Warm Springs. The **motion was approved** with 4 ayes (Phelps, T. Black, Russell, Sharp) and 2 nays (G. Black, Brandon).

6. Farm Tour 2012 – Action Item:

Discussion commenced regarding Farm Tour 2012 and the following consensuses were reached by the Directors:

Mid-day lunch break – It may be possible to have the mid-day lunch break at Tomaselli's Pastry Mill in Elkton as the new pizza oven has been completed. We could call ahead and have the pizzas being made while we are still on the tour in order to have them ready when we get there along with a big bowl of salad. The Conservation Technician/District Manager will contact Tomaselli's to find out if this is possible and to confirm the date and price.

Price – In order to provide a better tour the Directors decided to request that people pre-sign up or RSVP for the tour along with a fee which would include the price of the bus and the price of the food. Another option was to not charge anything and have people provide their own transportation and food.

Tour locations – Tour locations that were considered were the Henderer Off-Stream Watering Project, Rudy Zimmer's hay operation and equipment, Holcomb's NRCS Cost Share Project, Trout Ranch Culverts and Hardened Crossings, and the Umpqua River Bank Stabilization Project.

Bus Company – Terry Plotz with the Reedsport Four Square Church may be able to offer bus service and provide a driver with a donation to the Church. The Conservation Technician/District Manager is to contact Terry Plotz to find out if this is possible and confirm the date and price of the donation.

7. Annual Meeting 2012 and Resolution to Set Date – Action Item:

The Directors decided by consensus to hold the 2012 annual meeting for the District tentatively for Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. before the regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Elkton Community Education Center Library. It is still undecided if the dinner will be a host or no-host dinner meeting, but it was recommended that we provide door prizes and acknowledge accomplishments of producers within our District.

The Conservation Technician/District Manager is to confirm the date and time with the Elkton Community Education Center.

8. Election of Officers for the year 2012 – Action Item:

Secretary/Treasurer T. Black nominated Director King Phelps as Chair. Director Phelps accepted the nomination. Secretary/Treasurer T. Black made a motion, 2nd by Director Brandon to approve Director Phelps as Chair of the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District. The motion was **unanimously passed**.

Secretary/Treasurer T. Black nominated Director Bob Sharp as Vice-Chair. Director Sharp accepted the nomination. Secretary/Treasurer T. Black made a motion, 2nd by Director Brandon to approve Director Sharp as Vice-Chair of the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District. The motion was **unanimously passed**.

Director G. Black nominated Director Tom Black as Secretary/Treasurer. Director T. Black accepted the nomination. Director G. Black made a motion, 2nd by Director Brandon to approve Director T. Black as Secretary/Treasurer of the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District. The motion was **unanimously passed**.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting for the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District will be held March 8, 2012 at the Port of Umpqua Winchester Building at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Black
Conservation Technician/District Manager
Recorder

Chair King Phelps

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Black

Date