



UMPQUA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2023

Directors Present:

Chair Cliff Glover,
Director Nathan Baumgartner
Director Tom Black,
Director Robert Miller

Staff Present:

District Manager/Conservation Planner Rhonda Black

Agencies Present:

None

Others Present:

None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Glover called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

PLANNING ITEMS

1. Tax Base Discussion:

- a. Continue to review Secretary of State manuals on own.
- b. At the November meeting Director T. Black, Director Baumgartner, and Director Miller volunteered to fill the role of the 3 Chief Petitioners. Chair Glover volunteered to fill the role of Treasurer for OreStar.
- c. Need to address the SEL370 Form.
- d. Petitions need to be submitted by August 9, 2024 for the November election.
- e. Need a clear time-table to prepare for deadlines.

2. Items to Find Out for the Next Committee Meeting:

- a. Director Miller:
 - i. Confirm with Douglas County as to how many registered voters there are in the Umpqua SWCD.
 - ii. Find out what the current required signatures are based on District population.
 - iii. Find out property values (the total) within the Umpqua SWCD.
- b. Director Black:
 - i. Obtain clarification about the question of compression. Definition, what it will mean locally to the SWCD and to other organizations who already have taxing authority in Reedsport.
- c. Director Baumgartner:
 - i. Contact other SWCDs to find out what marketing and polling organizations they used, along with finding out the cost of those services.

3. Events to Promote the SWCD and to Obtain Signatures:

a. Reedsport:

- i. Weekend Vendor Pop-Up Market in Reedsport.
- ii. Chainsaw Carving Festival, June 13-15, 2024, usually Father's Day Weekend.
- iii. Kool Coastal Nights, August 24, 2024.
- iv. Dune Fest, July 30 – August 4, 2024.
- v. Soils Workshop, January 20, 2024 at the Winchester Bay Community Center.
- vi. NRCS-Umpqua SWCD Local Working Group Annual Meeting, January 24, 2024 at the Port of Umpqua Annex.

b. Elkton:

- i. Mother's Day Plant Sale, May 11-12, 2024.
- ii. Blooms & Butterflies Festival, June 15, 2021, usually Father's Day weekend.
- iii. Fort Umpqua Days, August 31-September 1, 2024.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Glover.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District Funding Committee meeting will be held on January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually using the GoTo meeting platform.