

**WHEELER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING and  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Limited* MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2019**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

There were 52 people in attendance at the 2019 Annual Meeting & Dinner of the Wheeler SWCD. At 6:00 PM, Debbi Bunch, Watershed Technician, welcomed the guests and speaker, Nick Weber. She informed the group that the District's annual financial report was available for review, encouraged the guests to visit the displays, and thanked the Spray Grange for preparing the meal.

Among those in attendance were county and city officials, landowners, ranch managers, business owners, agency partners and colleagues, directors, staff and other interested persons. Members of the Spray Grange decorated the facility and prepared & served the meal, a prime rib dinner featuring Painted Hills Natural Beef.

Display tables included:

- Project photo boards featuring District and Watershed Council projects
- Information regarding various programs available through the District
- Informational pamphlets
- An array of door prizes

A color copy of the Annual Newsletter for FY 2018-19 was placed at each table setting, and a copy of the 2018-19 Financial Report was available at the front display table for public viewing. Throughout the evening, names were drawn and door prizes were awarded.

Chairman Holmes presented the District's 2019 Exceptional Partner Award to Damon Brosnan of the US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Chairman Holmes presented a plaques of appreciation to Judy Potter to commemorate 21 years of service.

The keynote speaker for the evening was ecologist, Nick Weber. Mr. Weber gave a presentation entitled "Reimagining Riverscapes."

**LIMITED BOARD MEETING**

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman Holmes at 7:43 p.m., by the watch of Chairman Holmes.

**Directors**

Jeremiah Holmes, Chair  
Kale Haberman  
Wayne Lindquist  
Jason Davis  
James R Collins

**Assoc. Directors**

Amy Derby

**Others Present**

Chase Schultz, District Manager  
Judy Potter

**Minutes:** The November 26, 2019 minutes were presented for board review. Director Haberman **moved to approve the minutes as circulated**, Director Davis seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The November 26, 2019 Executive Meeting minutes were presented for board review. Director Lindquist **moved to approve the minutes as circulated**, Director Davis seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Bills:** The check registers dated November 1-30, 2019 and December 1-11, 2019 was submitted for approval. Chairman Holmes stated the account number for Spray Grange #940 that is presented blank was assigned with number 101952. Director Lindquist **moved that the check registers dated November 1-30, 2019 and December 1-11, 2019 be approved as presented**, Director Collins seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Nominating Committee:** Chairman Holmes reported the Nominating Committee visited and would like to keep the Committee as it stands. Voting will take place at the January Meeting.

**Administrative Assistant:** Chairman Homes reported that the nominee accepted the offer with an anticipated start date of Monday, December 16, 2019. The start date contingent upon her premature infant daughter being able to accompany her to the office temporarily. The board mentioned this decision is ultimately made by the District Manager. However, the board discussed the importance of continued communication and the need for undivided attention to the responsibilities of the position. The board agreed that they did not see conflict of the temporary situation.

**ODA Training:** It was asked if questions should be determined ahead of time to help outline the ODA training that is planned to take place during the January board meeting. The board discussed the questions of *conflict of interest, minimum amounts and requirements of bids, and roles, responsibilities, and liabilities*. Chase to be in contact with Eric Nusbaum at ODA to determine training details.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next board meeting of the Wheeler SWCD board of directors will be on **Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 6:00 pm**, at the Big Sarvice Corral Meeting Room, 40280 HWY 19, Fossil, Oregon.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Holmes at 7:58 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Cassandra Newton*

  
Jeremiah Holmes, Chairman

  
Chase Schultz, District Manager