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 2/6/2024 MINUTES

Board of Directors Staff & guests

 Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1 Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager

 Jim McElligott – Vice Chair, At-large Kevin Payne – District Manager

Colin McElligott – Zone 2

Duane Neiffer – At-large

Brian Doherty – Zone 3, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Miff Devin.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved by the board. The Board of directors’ roles were discussed and Jim made a motion to elect Colin McElligott as the new Vice Chair, Brian seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously by the board.

**STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS**: Written staff reports were included in board packets along with the financial reports and were reviewed and approved by the board.

**PARTNER REPORTS**: Kevin read through Jennifer Wilson’s report for NRCS. CSP finishing up making fiscal year 23 payments. Working on EQIP application rankings that they received before November 17th. No outstanding tasks for CRP currently. Hoping for a new hire after the job posting closed recently. NRCS will be hosting the local work group meeting this month at the district office. Nathan Adleman was hired as the new Basin team leader for the John Day Basin.

Kevin read through Adam’s report for FSA. March 15th is the deadline to make elections and enroll for 2024 price loss coverage program. They are currently accepting CRP and CREP sign ups. LIP EALP Livestock or feed losses must be reported within 30 days of loss. Noninsured crop disaster assistance program, report losses within 15 days.

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE**: Kevin gave an update on posting our CREP/Wildlife Habitat Tech position again and currently has 8 people that have applied. Kevin has been working on the security system for our USDA lease and also acquiring bids for painting the office.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was discussion on organizing a watershed field day this year.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be March 5th at 6pm in Heppner at the Ag Service Center building and available via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.