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Approved: _____
Recorder: _____
Secretary: _____

4/7/2026 MINUTES

Board of Directors

Brian Doherty – Treasurer, Zone 3
Jim McElligott – At-large
Colin McElligott – Vice Chair, Zone 2
Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1

Staff & guests

Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager
Kevin Payne – District Manager
Corey Sweeney – Weed Coordinator
Garret Robinson - NRCS

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by Miff Devin.

ACTION ITEMS: The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved by the board.

STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS: The March financial and staff reports were reviewed by the board.

PARTNER REPORTS: Corey Sweeney shared his quarterly weed report, some highlights from the report include Corey completing several yearend reports for the Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of Energy, and Oregon Department of Agriculture. He attended a noxious weed conference in Seaside. His department did some contract spraying for the City of Boardman, City of Heppner, Lexington airport, and the Morrow County fairgrounds. He stated that his department has about 600 miles of gravel roads to spray this spring/summer and they have completed about a quarter of them so far. There was discussion about bio controls for Russian thistle and Yellow star thistle. His full report will be attached with the minutes.

Garrett shared the report for the NRCS. They are currently contracting CSP and EQIP with a deadline on May 1st. They are working through the new Regenerative pilot program and are accepting applications for this program at any time. Colin asked about the soil testing aspect involved with this program and Garrett discussed the general requirements, which include having an agronomist do the sampling and sending the sample to one of the labs that has been pre-approved by NRCS.

DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE: Morrow County Grain Growers has again donated the herbicide for our upcoming Spray Days in May. Kevin updated the board about an Amazon grant he applied for to acquire some manure spreaders was not selected for funding. Kevin talked about some Solar projects reaching out to him to sign off on their weed management plans, Kevin is planning on attending a meeting in April with Corey and solar representatives to discuss these weed management plans. Kevin is continuing his work on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan with Morrow County partners. Kevin mentioned he has the proposed budget almost buttoned up and will send that out to everyone to review.

OTHER BUSINESS: Watershed field day will be held May 19th in Lexington at the Neiffer farm. Tupper outdoor school is the week of May 4th – 7th where Kevin will do a fish dissection class. Our districts Spray Days will be May 18th in Boardman, May 20th in Irrigon, and May 22nd in Heppner.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be May 5th at 9am at the Ag Service Center in Heppner, and available via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27am.