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Amended: _____
Approved: _____
Recorder: _____
Secretary: _____

6/2/2026 MINUTES

Board of Directors

Brian Doherty – Treasurer, Zone 3
Duane Neiffer – 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
Jennifer Wilson - NRCS
Corey Sweeney – County Weed Coordinator
Rory Rowlette – Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Miff Devin.

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

Colin made a motion to approve the new hot water heater installation, Duane seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

Colin made a motion to approve the district's Annual Work Plan for 2026-2027, Duane seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

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

PARTNER REPORTS: Jennifer gave a report on NRCS activities that include staff currently working on contracting EQIP and CSP. They were awarded 18 total EQIP and CSP contracts. Keira is still on maternity leave and will be coming back to work in June. The NRCS state office is looking at restructuring some Oregon offices potentially combining some county offices.

Corey gave his report on county weed activities for the quarter (full report attached). He has been focusing on establishing bio controls in Morrow County. Corey and Justin Reed, who also works in the weed department are planning on some bio control releases later this summer in July. He gave some updates on their forecasted budget and buildings they are currently using. Corey introduced Rory Rowlette who is the new interim County Public Works Director.

DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE: Kevin gave an update on our second SIA (Strategic Implementation Area) that will be located in the LUBGWMA. Kevin is going to be updating the district's SAM registration. Kevin gave a reminder about the upcoming election documents the board members need to take care of. Kevin mentioned our Phase 2 Annual grass OWEB large grant that we recently submitted was recommended for funding.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be September 1st at 6pm at the Ag Service Center in Heppner, and available via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm.