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Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4/1/2025 MINUTES

### Board of Directors

Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1  
Jim McElligott – Vice Chair, At-large  
Colin McElligott – Zone 2

### Staff & guests

Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager  
Kevin Payne – District Manager  
Tom Straughn – Umatilla SWCD  
Andrea Kreiner - OACD

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

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

5-year lease with little league batting cage – Collin made a motion to approve the 5-year lease and Jim seconded. The motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

FY25-26 Budget – Jim made a motion to approve the budget that was sent out for the board to review, with the addition of a separate line item added requesting \$50,000 for the purchase of a new district vehicle. Colin seconded and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

Spray Days purchase of jugs – Colin made a motion for the purchase of container jugs for spray days that will cost around \$500 - \$600. Jim seconded and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

**STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Written staff reports were included in board packets; the March financial reports were reviewed by the board.

**PARTNER REPORTS:** Kevin read Jennifer Wilson’s NRCS report. EQIP obligations for fiscal year 25 are about 75% complete. Still no word on whether they will receive IRA funding. CSP classic applications are due to be ranked by June 6<sup>th</sup>. No staffing updates. USDA did receive an email about DRP 2.0 which is the deferred resignation program.

Tom Straughn stopped by our meeting as an OACD representative for our area and gave us a few updates on new OACD activities happening. Andrea Kreiner also joined our meeting as the executive director of OACD and discussed the changes of the dues structure that each SWCD district pays.

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE:** Kevin talked about the Northwest Youth Corp work up at Blakes Ranch doing defensible space work.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Kevin started a discussion with the board about our FY26-27 budget request. With the uncertainty of NRCS and FSA staffing moving forward, our district needs to start planning to potentially increase our staffing and capacity to serve our local producers.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Heppner at the Ag Service Center building and available via zoom.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.