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11/7/2023 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

Brian Doherty – Treasurer

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

Kevin gave an update on our USDA lease agreement in regards to USDA overpaying our district on their monthly lease payments in 2020. Kevin touched on a few options on how the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation district will payback that money. There was a one year, two years, and three-year payoff plan to choose from. The board decided to choose the three-year option, Colin made a motion to approve the three-year payoff plan. Brian seconded and it was approved none opposed and all in favor of the payoff plan.

**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. Finishing up CSP payments for fiscal year 2023 and processing CSP renewal applications. Collecting EQIP applications until November 17th. All plans are completed for CRP and need to certify last year’s sign ups along with field check emergency grazing participants. Reanne has transferred to the Pendleton office. Next month will be a weed meeting so Corey Sweeney will be in attendance.

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE**: Kevin mentioned that we have received a draft of our financial review. The board was in consensus that the review looked good and will sign the required documents to be sent back to our CPA.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Kevin gave an update on the new USDA lease agreement and the office updates required. Drew Coe filled out his new employee paperwork and will start working for the district the beginning of December.

There were no public comments

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.