

Morrow SWCD
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Amended: _____
Approved: _____
Recorder: _____
Secretary: _____

3/4/2025 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
Jared Schiller – Habitat/CREP Tech
Corey Sweeney – Weed Coordinator
Jennifer Wilson – NRCS

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

ACTION ITEMS:

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

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

PARTNER REPORTS: Jennifer Wilson from NRCS came to the meeting to field any questions from our board and guests. Jennifer answered questions about the recent local NRCS work group meeting and the various programs/staff effected from budget cuts. She also mentioned USDA offices throughout the country that are having their leases terminated.

Corey Sweeney shared his quarterly report which will be attached with the minutes.

DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE: Kevin talked about volunteering the Ag service center office to help with highway cleanup near the office for the upcoming St. Patrick's celebration. The LUBGWMA Rules Advisory Committee requested Kevin to sit on the committee, but he was concerned about a conflict of interest due to the SWCD being a non-regulatory agency. Kevin recommended Tom Straughn who is a director on the Umatilla SWCD board.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kevin talked about the upcoming budget proposals to the county being due by 3/15/25 ideally, but mentioned might get some grace period if we need to submit it after that date.

There were no public comments

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.