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

## 5/5/2026 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  
Jared Schiller – Wildlife Habitat Tech

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Miff Devin.

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

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

Colin made a motion to approve the purchase of Heating and Air maintenance (\$578) from Columbia Basin Heating and Cooling LLC. Jim seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

**PARTNER REPORTS:** No partner reports were reported this month.

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE:** Kevin mentioned that Jared has reached out to Blue Mountain Networks and got a bid on transitioning from CenturyLink internet (10 MB) to a fiber option at 150 MB for around \$111 per month. The board agreed to transition to the Blue Mountain Networks option for better Wi-Fi coverage throughout the district building. Kevin talked about a wind tower tour he went on around Gleason Butte with a local landowner and Corey Sweeney who was showing Kevin how the construction of some transmission lines in his rangeland was leaving very little soil in places and was concerned about the establishment of vegetation and weed issues with the project. The landowner was also concerned with some erosion issues on some of the newly constructed roads the contractors built to access the wind towers. Kevin will have more information on this issue at next month’s board meeting in June.

Kevin received a complaint from a landowner in Boardman about True Organics LLC (fertilizer company). He forwarded the complaint to our local ODA water quality specialist Shiloh Simrell, and she has forwarded the concerns to DEQ who has dealt with the company before on nutrient management issues. Kevin met with a representative from SIV Impact Inc. who specializes in water quality/quantity impacts and sustainability about the nitrate issue in the north end of the county. He gave the representative Tamra Mabbot’s contact information with the County Planning Department to discuss what they could potentially offer the county and if the county commissioners are interested in learning more about what the organization could offer.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The election notice will be in the gazette this month. Kevin is presenting at Tupper outdoor school this month for the fish dissection lab. Watershed Field Day will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Neiffer’s farm in Lexington. The district will be having Spray Days this year on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Boardman, May 20<sup>th</sup> in Irrigon, and May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Heppner.

There were no public comments  
The next meeting will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon at the Ag Service Center in Heppner, and available via zoom.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:17am.