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## 9/9/2025 MINUTES

Board of Directors

Brian Doherty – Treasurer, Zone 3  
Jim McElligott – Vice Chair, At-large  
Colin McElligott – Zone 2

Staff & guests

Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager  
Kevin Payne – District Manager  
Corey Sweeney – County Weed Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Colin McElligott.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

**STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Written staff reports were included in board packets; the June, July, and August financial reports were reviewed by the board.

**PARTNER REPORTS:** Kevin read NRCS’s report. There are no staffing changes and a hiring freeze is expected to continue through October. EQIP sign up cut off for fiscal year 2026 has not been announced yet but expect that date to be sometime in November. Not expecting CSP sign up for this year. CSP enhancements will be due September 19<sup>th</sup>. Oregon State Conservationist met with the NRCS chief to go over all the changes to NRCS programs and will roll out trainings at the field offices. Emergency grazing was announced in Morrow County, contact FSA for more details.

Corey shared his weed report (please see attached report for more detail).

**DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE:** Kevin and Jared have been working on submitting documentation to CPA LLC for the annual financial review. Kevin shared that Nick Sirovatka who used to be employed by NRCS is now the LUGWMA/Integrated Water Resources Strategy Lead for ODA. Kevin updated our OCEAN online directory. Kevin shared that he has been conducting some field visits within the LUBGWMA SIA and the visits have been going well. Kevin updated the board on some Bank of EO signatures that are needed. CBASS 2025 drone flights are complete. The OWRD groundwater feasibility study is complete and Kevin will share the results of the study to the board members and GSI will also present the results in person.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** No other business was reported.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Heppner at the Ag Service Center building and available via zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.