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Amended: _____
Approved: _____
Recorder: _____
Secretary: _____

9/1/2026 MINUTES

Board of Directors

Brian Doherty – Treasurer, Zone 3
Ashley McCabe – At-Large #2
Colin McElligott – Vice Chair, Zone 2
Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1

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 Miff Devin.

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

Colin made a motion to appoint Ashley McCabe to the At Large 2 Director position, Brian seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor none opposed. Ashley read out loud his oath of office and signed the official document.

Colin made a motion to add Adam McCabe as an Associate Director for the district, Brian seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor none opposed.

Colin made a motion to approve the June 2026 meeting minutes, Brian seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor none opposed.

Brian made a motion to approve the CBASS lodging in Joseph, Oregon, Colin seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor none opposed.

STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS: The June, July, and August financial and staff reports were reviewed by the board.

PARTNER REPORTS: Kevin read Jennifer Wilson's report for NRCS. They are in process of some office re organization that the State office is in charge of, looking at combining some county coverages. They obligated 16 new EQIP contracts and 12 new CSP contracts. November 13th will be the deadline to sign up for 2027 programs. Staff will be busy processing CSP documentation and CSP payments over the next few months.

Corey gave his report on county weed activities for the quarter (full report attached). Some highlights include completing their annual Plumeless thistle survey. He has been in contact with some of the energy companies specifically the solar projects in the county about their herbicide treatment plans. They've had some poor timing on herbicide applications that he is looking to correct. Corey is working on distributing knapweed bio controls throughout the county and found a large collection site in the county that they can collect from and distribute to other knapweed sites that don't have the bio controls present.

DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE: Kevin gave an update on our pest control vendor, Doby's Pest Control will no longer be providing services for our district due to retirement. Kevin asked the board members of any recommendations for other pest control providers in our area. Kevin talked about a 60x60 foot parcel of land on the district property that never got transferred from the previous owner Steve Pettyjohn. Kevin corrected this with the county and now the district owns this small parcel and will pay taxes on it moving forward.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kevin gave an update on the Intergovernmental agreement with Morrow County for the next three years has been finalized and signed. One of the conditions of the agreement includes after year 1 the district needs to report to the county why our district is not a taxation district. Kevin stated that we hired a new Wildlife Habitat Technician and will start employment on September 14th.

Miff Devin made an announcement that he will no longer be serving as a board member after his term ends in 2026. He has already been recruiting for his replacement with help from Kevin.

There were no public comments

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.