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

11/4/2025 MINUTES

Board of Directors

Miff Devin – Chair, Zone 1
Jim McElligott – At-large
Colin McElligott – Vice Chair, Zone 2
Brian Doherty – Treasurer, Zone 3

Staff & guests

Jared Huddleston – Nat Res Project Manager
Kevin Payne – District Manager
Jared Schiller – Wildlife Habitat Tech
Matt Thomas - GSI
Robyn Cook - GSI
Walt Burt – GSI
Shiloh Simrell – ODA Water Quality
Herb Winters – Gilliam SWCD

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

Representatives from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. started off the meeting by presenting their findings from the Lower Willow Creek MAR Feasibility Study.

ACTION ITEMS:

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

The annual meeting resolution: The annual meeting will be held on January 6th, 2026 at 6:30pm following the regularly scheduled board meeting at 6:00pm. Jim made a motion to approve the resolution as Kevin presented, Colin seconded, the motion passed all in favor, none opposed.

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

PARTNER REPORTS: Shiloh gave a brief update on some ODA dealings which included an upcoming review of the Willow Creek Water Quality Management plan. She also mentioned that ODA will be hosting some public meetings to go over the new proposed LUBGWMA rules. She also brought flyers to the meeting that the district could hand out.

DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE: Kevin gave an update on district operations with the government shutdown still effecting FSA and NRCS employees. There have been a couple FSA employees back in the office working. Kevin talked about the virtual fence tour in Gilliam County. Herb Winters from Gilliam SWCD also talked about the different virtual fence companies that he has worked with.

OTHER BUSINESS: ODF small forest land grants put out an RFP recently and Kevin plans to apply for more funds to continue the wildfire mitigation work the district has done around Blakes Ranch, Cutsforth Park, and Penland Lake. Kevin has also been busy with field visits with producers around the Boardman area for our SIA grant.

There were no public comments

The next meeting will be December 2nd at 6pm in Heppner at the Ag Service Center building and available via zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.