

**Ash Creek Water Control District
Board of Directors
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, January 5, 2023
7:00 A.M.**

MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes: December 1, 2022
4. Audience Comments
5. Director Comments
6. Reports
 - A. Finance
 - a. Monthly Report
 - B. Phone
 - C. Nutria
 - D. Engineer's Report
 - E. Subcommittee Report: Outreach
 - a. Activity Log
7. Unfinished Business
 - A. Legislative Advocacy
8. New Business
 - A. WOU contract extension
9. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Task Log
10. Adjourn

Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors of Ash Creek Water Control District will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023. The meeting will be conducted via video conference. To provide comments in advance or to get videoconference attendance information, email the District Secretary at DistSec@ashcreekwcd.com, no later than 5:00 pm, January 4, 2023.

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REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 1, 2022

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 am via Zoom by Chair Dan Farnworth.
2. Roll Call. Board present: Dan, Tom, Madeline, Mancil, Andrea, Donna (arr 7:09). Others Present: Karin Johnson, Todd Whitaker, Bryan Dutton, David Szpakowski, Hannah Porter, Anne Scheck
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes: November 3, 2022. Dan noted under NB, Bryan wanted to extend to 12/31, not 12/21. Todd noticed 6.E.B. should be Tom instead of Todd. Tom reported receiving call from LWC re: \$ for birdwalk; noted discussion in minutes, no vote. Dan noted we will take this up under unfinished business. Mancil moved to approve the minutes as amended; Tom seconded. Motion passed by all present. (5-0-0)

(Donna arrived 7:09 am)

4. Audience Comments

4.1 – Bryan Dutton, Vegetation Survey Results. Shared a Powerpoint presentation on the results of the Invasive Plant Reconnaissance Survey in the Ash Creek Watershed, Polk County, Oregon. David Szpakowski/Bryan Dutton provided information to the Board, covering the Project Deliverables. Tom asked about the methodology used for identification; Dutton replied they tracked just what was found in specific windows. Used percentage cover approach. Madeline asked if the sites were mostly in open land; Dutton said yes, other than Pioneer Park. Madeline suggested it may skew, as English ivy primarily grows under a canopy. David noted they are using UAV tech; used more open space as it is visible. Review of results. Bryan went over followups: input needed on cost estimates, GPS coordinates, species info, etc.; he suggested meeting dates in January to discuss findings and future projects. Madeline asked about doing drone flights when trees are not leafed, if they could get better views; David said if the lighting was good, it may be worth trying. Madeline asked about transects; Bryan stated longitudinal had better results.

Discussion of possible meeting dates; consensus that Jan 19th, 6pm.

The report will be forwarded to board today. Bryan noted the report is about 60 pages. He thanked all for the support; this is an exciting project for them and students. Tom asked if there is database of individual files. David replied that images will be provided after the final report is delivered; ACWCD would have the rights to photos. Dan summarized: draft report is to be distributed to the Board; there will be a meeting on January 19th to review the report, bring questions. Dan noted that perhaps common names of plants would be easier for board review. Bryan noted any further comments are welcomed and to forward them to Dan for sending to him. Dan would also like Todd's evaluation of the report.

5. Director Comments.

A. Andrea reported:

- that since the last meeting they had deer on their property that had been eaten overnight; put up a trail cam – and got an image of a very large healthy coyote.

- Got ahold of David Beatley; he is happy to use a drone to get comparisons of water levels, just let him know when and where.
- 2 spaces are left for the reading of the book that the students put together re: Ash Creek. Dan noted we would need specifics. Discussion. Dan suggested Andrea visit with David to help narrow it down.

B. Madeline reported:

- 6.42" precipitation in November.
- Attended a local advisory committee re: local water. Concern w/mercury in drainages and water temperatures.
- Contacted Riddell Farms re: sudden high water; they are not planning an additional retention pond. There had been releases on a beaver dam north of their property. Message from Kristen Larson re: beaver project, let her know.
- Received message from Bryan Dutton that students are interested in an ivy pull in January.

6. Reports

A. Finance. Andrea summarized the Finance Report (Attachment #1). Big bump – tax revenue received.

a. Monthly Report – Cash in Bank: LGIP: \$400,460.83; PTB: \$6,595.67.

A/P - checks: #2254, OGEC, \$43.90; #2255, WHA (workers comp), \$643.67.

B. Phone. Mancil reported no calls.

C. Nutria. No report.

D. Engineer's Report. Todd reported: nothing new this month.

E. Subcommittee Report: Outreach. Tom reported:

a. Activity Log. No new activity to report. Would note Bryan's report. Still working on mailer. Outreach – would like to hit more groups; presentations.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Legislative Advocacy. Dan has nothing new to report.

B. Associate Directors. Tom reported that after research, this is not applicable to us.

C. Monmouth Urban Renewal District Amendment. Dan reported a meeting with the City of Monmouth; he will send out a report. They did a Powerpoint presentation, and he was sent copy of it. The URD has been in place since 2005 and they want to add 2 properties; this will change the end to 2025. Taxing districts are given an opportunity to oppose; votes weighted. This affects revenues; districts cannot affect the projects. He explained how tax revenues would be distributed. Revenue sharing will help make up difference in tax revenue. Dan reported that ACWCD presented concerns to them about projects. Also noted that we had LIDAR data on the creek into the Monmouth area; they would like to see the information. Todd reported the county has data. He can put them in touch; it is also available on PCMaps. Dan and Todd discussed LIDAR data; Dan will send her the information.

Dan asked how the Board wants to vote on extension; discussion. Tom asked if we had to vote; Dan thinks only if we want to vote in opposition. Further discussion; Dan stated this if anyone is opposed, we need to vote. No opposition noted.

8. New Business

- A. Set date for WOU presentation (see presentation). (January 19th)
- B. Spring Bird Walk. Tom gave brief summary on the event.

Tom moved that the board give \$400 to LWC for the Spring Bird Walk; Mancil seconded. Dan asked if this will cover the whole thing; Tom – yes. Mancil noted this would be good outreach. Tom answered in response Madeline that this is open to everyone. Motion passed by all present - Dan, Madeline, Mancil, Andrea, Tom, Donna.

9. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items

A. Correspondence. Dan reported Andrea got a Trustee notice of sale from a property, and if we as a lien holder are opposed to the sale. As a taxing district, property taxes due to the district are collected by County. Mancil noted a realty company asked about the lien; he reported we did not have liens. Discussion.

Karin reviewed other correspondence. Received a survey from US Census; Karin will handle.

B. Task Log. No additions.

10. Adjourn. With no further business, Mancil moved to adjourn; Tom seconded. Passed by all present.

Next meeting January 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

ACWCD Board of Directors Tracking Log 2021-22

Project	Assigned	Person Assigned	Status		Comments
			Pending	Completed	
Buy laptop	05/07/2020	Karin	x		Purchase laptop & Office 365
Policy binder to Tom	11/04/2021	Karin		x	emailed
Website, records	11/04/2021	Karin/Tom/Andrea			Go to storage unit/Karin to put agenda packets & minutes on website
Topics of Board importance	11/04/2021	Board			bring ideas to Dec meeting
Take old laptop to Tom	11/04/2021	Karin			
Geo engineer report	12/2/2021	Todd			
Outreach	-12/2/2021 1/6/2022	-Andrea/Board -Tom/Ed/Donna		x	-Farmer's Market booth; mailings; car in parade -Subcommittee formed
Grants update	12/2/2021			x	
Vegetation survey	12/2/2021				
Update Policy Manual	01/06/2022	Board			Ongoing
Mercury/TMDL letter from DEQ	02/03/2022	Todd		x	
Ash Creek scouring at Riverview Park	02/03/2022	Todd		x	Visit with Independence PW - done
Outreach subcommittee	06/02/2022	committee	x		meet for further outreach planning / ONGOING
Sign resolution	06/02/2022	Dan		x	
Sign contract	06/02/2022	Dan			
Flyers to Mancil	07/07/2022	Karin		x	
File budget notices, w/County Assessor	06/30/2022	Karin		x	File no later than July 15th (filed 7/12)
File budget document w/Co. Clerk	6/30/2022	Karin		x	File no later than Sept 30th (filed 9/22)
File Report in Lieu of Audit	9/1/2022	Karin		x	File no later than Sept 30th
Create Outreach Comm. Activity Log	9/1/2022	Tom	x		Ongoing
Associate Directors, add'l information	12/1/2022	Tom		x	Not applicable to our district
Legislative Advocacy	10/6/2022	Dan	x		Future meeting discussion