

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

**Thursday, November 3, 2022
7:00 A.M.**

MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes: October 6, 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
 - B. Associate Directors
8. New Business
 - A.
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, November 3, 2022. 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, November 2, 2022.

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Thursday, October 6, 2022

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order via videoconference at 7:01 am by Chair Dan Farnworth.

2. Roll Call. Board Present: Dan, Andrea, Madeline, Roger, Donna, Tom, Mancil, Ed
Others Present: Karin Johnson, Todd Whitaker, Anne Scheck

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes. The minutes of September 1, 2022 were submitted in the agenda packet.

ACTION: Madeline moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Mancil seconded. Motion passed by all present.

4. Audience Comments. None.

5. Director Comments

A. Madeline reported we received .47" precipitation in September; last year, we received 2.62". The ivy pull is set for the 13th, from 1-4pm. The Riddell's will be putting in more hazelnuts; the water retention pond worked well for irrigation and they plan on putting in another. She noted beaver dams near the bridge on Riddell Road. There are a few of them, one with water. She had contact w/WOU re: invertebrates in water; they will go to Inspiration Garden. Noted the wildlife seen.

B. Andrea reported the creek is extremely low. Donna agreed.

C. Tom stated that under new business we should talk about the Emerald Ash Borer. This is a huge issue; highly invasive bug that decimates ash trees, and it is now here in Oregon. Huge problem in the Midwest. Ash trees are very important to the riparian zone.

D. Dan noted we have virtual meetings and asked board if they were okay to continue to have them this way; consensus yes. Johnson noted there was new law passed requiring telecommute access. Tom noted Indy Commons can be set up for a hybrid, if needed.

6. Reports

A. Finance

a. Monthly Report. The monthly report was summarized by Andrea. (Attachment #1)
LGIP: \$357,259.82 PTB: \$2,991.35

B. Nutria Report. The monthly report was summarized by Ed. (Attachment #2).

C. Phone. Mancil reported we had a call last month from a title company asking about liens. Dan wondered about handling the phone from now on, if we will continue to meet virtually.

D. Engineer's Report. Todd reported that he checked on the willow trees at Riverview Park; they are doing well, 10-15% mortality. Dan asked if he has heard from city about what they are planning; Todd said last he heard the plan was to move the path to the west.

E. Subcommittee Report: Outreach

a. Activity Log. Tom said this was an idea to bring to the board, to bring data to their work. There were no phone calls this month to add to the report. He will post information on the website; he will be doing a mailer after discussion about the emerald ash borer, along with need for directors, etc. Also, it was previously discussed about getting an updated map for outreach. Not having luck finding something newer. Todd suggested PCMaps; brief discussion about working on it. Tom and Todd will get together. Donna also suggested under new business looking at associate directors.

Dan asked how we should respond to phone calls; we received one regarding blackberries. Mancil said he went and looked at it. It was in the district, but not on the creek. Discussion. Todd noted there are things we can do but are not required to. It is not related to drainage if it is not next to the creek. Tom suggested adding information to the mission statement. Further discussion of spray work. Dan suggested to add that district does blackberry and reed canary work in the river channel and along banks. Further discussion. Dan summarized that we restrict programs to channel and bank; trying to get information on how widespread, specify on the website our treatment areas. We will need to figure out what resources we could refer them to. Madeline suggested providing control techniques; Dan noted we will need someone to write this up. Tom will put a link to OSU Extension re: blackberries.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Legislative Advocacy. Dan went through the information; we would adopt priorities, then a person would be appointed to respond, contact SDAO to help decide what response to make. Discussion. Dan would like to hold over until next meeting to make a decision and determine response to SDAO. Consensus.

Todd excused @ 7:59 am

8. New Business

A. Emerald Ash Borer. Tom noted this is a big issue. Ash trees are important to maintaining healthy rivers, etc. Asked if the board should help to get information out there and any other action. Discussion. Add information to mailing, links to information on web, what it would require to start planting replacement trees of other varieties.

B. Associate Directors. Tom sent info from the SWCD handbook. These would be members of the public that can bring value to board, increase participation. They would have same benefit of insurance coverage while doing board business. Dan read the information; they would have to have same qualifications as directors. Tom said that if they are seen as potential directors, not set by statute, which was the policy of SWCD. Dan said he is not sure about liability insurance; it would probably increase cost. Directors are covered by workers comp if doing work for the board; it would also increase that cost. Andrea asked if there is an age limit;

graduating high school seniors have to do some community outreach and she asked if it would be possible for them to participate. Discussion of board membership requirements, title of position. Tom suggested Community Partner. Consensus to continue discussion next month. Tom will look into language to adopt, and will also look at what roles they would play.

C. Bird walk. Madeline suggested participating in the spring walk. Tom has been in contact with Suzanne Teller; this event would be bilingual. It is still in organization, will be held sometime in the spring. More information to follow.

9. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items

- A. Correspondence. None requiring action.
- B. Task Log. Karin will add items as needed.
- C. Next meeting November 3rd.

10. Adjourn. With no further business, Ed moved to adjourn; Roger seconded. Motion passed by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

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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	-Andrea/Board		x	-Farmer's Market booth; mailings; car in parade
Grants update	1/6/2022	-Tom/Ed/Donna		x	-Subcommittee formed
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		
Associate Directors, additional informal	10/6/2022	Tom	x		
Legislative Advocacy	10/6/2022	Dan	x		