



## Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District Special Board Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024

**Directors:** Bill Hammel Ken Bailey Phil Kaser  
Shawn Sorensen

**Directors via Teleconference:** Bob Krein

**Directors Absent:** Larry Powell Stan Shephard

**Staff:** Shilah Olson Abbie Forrest Jennifer Sampson

**Staff via Teleconference:** Ryan Bessette

### **Guests via Teleconference:**

Elevate Law Group: Sean Glinka, Senior Counsel

### **1:02 PM Call to Order**

Bill called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There was a slight delay as Bob dealt with technical difficulties.

### **Action Items**

a. **Cost Share Requests** – Abbie presented one cost share request:

**J.Harth** – Abbie reported there was some miscommunication between staff and the landowner on this application, which is why it is included in this special meeting. This is for his first priority haul road, out of two priority roads. Ryan Bessette helped with the initial site visit to gather photos and GPS points. This road is located next to the landing strip on his property. Jeff thinks only part of the road will require base rock, not the entire stretch. He is requesting the maximum of \$3,000. *Shawn moved to approve the haul road cost share application for Jeff Harth; Phil seconded. Motion carried.*

Ken requested Scott put together a status report on past haul road projects to compare observations and how these projects are holding up one or more years after completion.

### **Bill called Executive Session Per ORS 192.660(2)(h) RE: Potential Litigation at 1:10pm.**

Shilah confirmed the door was closed and the Zoom meeting was locked to anyone other than board members and invited attendees.

### **The Regular Board Meeting Reconvened at 1:30pm.**

The public was invited to rejoin the meeting.

## **Updates & Announcements**

**a. NRCS Local Working Group Meeting** – Feb 29, 10-noon, St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Dufur. Shilah shared the board is invited should they want to attend.

**b. Next Regular Board Meeting** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024, at 1:00 PM, at the USDA Service Center and via Zoom.

Shilah shared Josh is intending to schedule a facilities committee meeting as we would like to begin conversations about building a shop. Shilah suggested that those who are in attendance at the board meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> take a walk around the property and consider the idea of a shop building and then the facilities committee can have a more formal discussion at a later date.

**Adjourned: 1:33pm**

Jennifer Sampson