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**East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors *APPROVED* Meeting Minutes**

Monday, May 6, 2024

**6:01pm- Call to Order**

**Zimmer-Stucky** called to order the regular meeting of the EMSWCD Board of Directors at 6:00pm on Monday, May 6, 2024, at the EMSWCD Office in North Portland.

**6:00pm- Introductions, Review/revise agenda, Review previous action items.**

**Zimmer-Stucky conducted introductions for the record. The following persons were present:**

**Board of Directors:** Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky (At-Large 2 Director, Chair), Laura Masterson (Zone 2 Director, Secretary) (virtual), Mike Guebert (Zone 3 Director, Vice-Chair), Jim Carlson (At-Large 1 Director, Treasurer), Joe Rossi (Zone 1 Director)

**Staff:** Kelley Beamer (Executive Director), Dan Mitten (Chief of Finance & Operations), Heather Nelson Kent (Community Outreach & Engagement Program Supervisor), Julie DiLeone (Rural Lands Program Supervisor), Kathy Shearin (Urban Lands Program Supervisor), Rowan Steele (Headwaters Farm Program Manager), Jeremy Baker (Senior Rural Conservationist), Asianna Fernandez (Executive Assistant)

**Guests:** Eric Nusbaum (ODA), Ramona DeNis (Wild Salmon Center), Lindsay Goldberg (Fawn Lily Farm), Lizzy Simpson (Ithir Botanicals), Nicki Passarella (Storybook Farm), Emily Cooper (Full Cellar Farm), Mary Colombo (Wild Roots Farm), Catherine Nguyen (Mora Mora Farm)

**Changes to the agenda:**

- Move Agenda Items 7, 9, and 10 to before Item 4.

**Previous action items:**

- **Beamer** to send the Rural and Grower survey to the Board, with the due date to be Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. – Done
- **Baker** to reach out to Rossi to visit Big Creek Farm to discuss irrigation lines. – In progress
- **Board Members** to send Work Session topic ideas and information for planning each idea to Zimmer-Stucky and Beamer by April 26<sup>th</sup>. - Done
- **Fernandez** to add a Work Session item to the May Board Meeting Agenda. - Done

**6:03pm- Approval of minutes**

**MOTION: Guebert moved to approve the April 1, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**6:05pm- Public Comment: N/A**

**Beamer** We have posted the three written testimonies that we have received by email today, to the website.

**Mary Colombo** is the owner of Wild Roots Farm and is representing a few other Headwaters Farm (HWF) graduates (some in attendance as well). They collectively have decades of farming experience, are all Headwaters graduates, and still own farm businesses. While at HWF, they all ran very profitable farm businesses that grossed around \$80,000 per acre. Their farms served many different organizations, farmers markets, schools, restaurants, hospitals, nonprofits, wholesale, grocery stores, online retail, low-income communities, and hundreds of CSA members with their crops, as well as providing local jobs. These farmers attended to address some of the findings in the Rossi Headwaters Farm Report. They



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acknowledge that the farm does have a huge weed pressure issue. The District, though, is addressing some of these issues by starting a weed assessment committee, contracting with soil health consultants, and increasing staff capacity to manage cover crops. Steps are being taken to manage the property in a sustainable way that we agree with and support for the land. Rossi's report suggests using methods such as herbicides and fumigants which are considered "Prohibitive Substances" under the National Organic Program and will limit future farms' chance to become organic certified, which could potentially limit farms' viability and profitability. The soil was degraded and weedy before the HWF program was started on the property, two decades ago. Fixing HWF with the tools that destroyed the soil and ecosystem is very misguided. The report is formed on what seems like a limited number of visits, which is not the whole picture of the farm. In general, a limited amount of data seems to have been gathered. We are curious about what farmers were talked to in the program, and why more farmers were not contacted? This program is a space for farmers to learn how to farm, and for farmers who don't have access to generational wealth, intergenerational wealth, are first-generation farmers, or are people who have potentially been discriminated against. For most of us, it's the only chance we have to start a farm business. Many folks are working other jobs to be able to start a farm business, which makes it even more challenging. There are dozens of farmers who have combined decades of experience that have gone through the program and are eager to move the program towards success. This is a space for farmers to learn how to own and operate a successful farm business alongside other farmers. It takes time to learn when we become the decision makers for our own farms and are no longer working for somebody else. The HWF created an environment where we can all learn and grow from each other, alongside sharing community and knowledge. The relationships that have been created during this time in the program have been huge and have helped all of us succeed.

**The Board** has had time to read the three additional letters of testimony that came in earlier today.

#### **6:35pm- ED and L-Team Updates**

**Beamer** shared her Executive Director update:

- Continuing to meet with each staff member individually, it's been a great opportunity to understand how our work touches the ground.
- Attending District events:
  - Soil Health Class at HWF
  - Eat 'n Greet with Farmers in Corbett. Met many community members and was a part of insightful, wonderful dialogue.
  - Toured technical assistance properties with Baker.
  - Toured some of the noxious weeds related properties in the field with Aldassy and Rojas.
- Submitted a conditional use permit (with DiLeone) for our proposed Orient Drive Field Station. We should hear if the County accepts our application in around 48 hours. We did a traffic study and submitted a robust application.
- The Leadership Team is working on the District's Annual Workplan, which is to be submitted to ODA and approved by the Board during the July Board Meeting.
- Will share the Executive Director Workplan with Staff and Board for feedback.
- Attended an Executive Director training with Eric Nusbaum today.

**Guebert** asked about the Carbon sequestration tour.

**Beamer** was invited by the Climate Trust non-profit, who partnered with Hood River County, to manage a big portion of their forest lands (33,000 acres) for Carbon sequestration. Learned that about a third of their county's revenue is from carbon sequestration and harvest (average 90 years).



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**Mitten** shared his Finance and Operations update:

- Finishing up FY 24-25 Budget Season. Thanked the Board for approving the Budget at tonight's Budget Committee Meeting.
- Prepping for the TSCC Hearing.
- Finishing some conference room upgrades. We'll be getting a new conference table, made of Certified Oregon White Oak sourced from Zena Forests products, and reusing the bases from the old tables. There's a 10-week lead time on this.
- Busy with personnel and IT work. The F&O team has been onboarding two new staff members and offboarding one staff member. Has also had a hand in the following updates:
  - New employee vacation accrual analysis
  - Revisions to the Employee Handbook
  - Benefit cycle for Staff.
- Looking forward to setting up a CRM presentation to staff for planning.

**Zimmer-Stucky** is excited that the District is using Zena Forests products for the Board Room.

**Shearin** shared her Urban Lands update:

- Mancillas took a job elsewhere, and her last day was on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The team will post the position opening when Shearin returns from vacation in mid-June.
- Held a Planting with Partners event on April 27<sup>th</sup>, where we invited the Indigenous community to the Native Gathering Gardens at Cully Park, giving them plants and planting native plants together.
- We're refurbishing the green roof at the office, adding more plants, and updating the drip irrigation system.

**DiLeone** shared her Rural Lands update:

- There's been a lot of interest in the Whitter Rd. farm property. We had to update the listing description with more details on the terms of the property, only to be sold to farm business. Most people who are interested in the property are aspiring to be farmers someday, but that doesn't work with the easement that's on it now.
  - Many people are still coming to view the property. We want to ensure that whoever buys it is going to farm on the land as soon as they come on it.
- The rainy week has not allowed for more work to be done at HWF, including removing wintered crops, perennial crops as cover crops, etc. The sunny week coming up will allow us to resume this work.
- There's a new tool at HWF, the cultivating tractor, which is primarily to be used by HWF farmers. In the past, we charged for this kind of equipment use, but due to feedback from past farmers, it will now be available for them to use without charge. This tractor will be useful for cultivation in between crop rows as a weed control method.

**Zimmer-Stucky** got to speak with the Oregon Forest Service Botanist recently, who said Rural Lands is doing great work in the Columbia Gorge area. She also mentioned that she's been seeing the Tansy and Garlic Mustard dumpsters out for folks to use, which is always popular.

**Kent** shared her Communications, Outreach, and Engagement Team and Grants Updates:

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- White-Brainard has been supporting the outreach and creating materials for all of the Rural Lands program activities.
- Meckes has been diving deep into the Equity Team reports and onboarding new Equity Team members.
- Kent has been onboarding their new team member, who started with the District two weeks ago. She will be working Tuesdays through Thursdays.
- Grants:
  - Awarded SPACE Grants: The City of Troutdale Earth Day event, ROSE Community Development upgrades to their community gardens at five affordable housing sites, Friends of Portland Community Garden for shelter garden tubs, Urban Nature Partners PDX for leadership opportunities in local natural areas. That concludes the District's SPACE funds for the year.

Something to Celebrate:

**Beamer** Living up to the District's values through the sites that we own, the items we purchase, our green roof, rainwater capture, etc., at HWF we're currently working on becoming less reliant on fossil fuel usage, which led to us purchasing the Monarch Electric Tractor! We got some of our funding for it through a grant, and it is an example of how we are following through with our mission, decreasing our carbon footprint, and being a demonstration to our partners.

#### **6:30pm –Board Work Session Topics**

**Zimmer-Stucky** The Board is looking for two to three topics to hold Work Sessions on for the rest of the calendar year. Her topic was on wildfire fuels reduction, biochar, and public and private land support. People are often looking for native plants and other ecological ways to prepare their properties.

**Guebert** suggested soil health for climate change mitigation. Looking at the other suggestions, he would be okay with moving forward with the other two topics too.

**Masterson** suggested discussing the Land Legacy and Easements programs, particularly streamlining the process of picking priority topics.

**Rossi** suggested discussing strategic planning for Headwaters Farm and making the farm effective for participants. He also suggested discussing strategic planning for the District overall. Our strategic plan is very broad, and maybe the Board can work on focusing where the District puts their focus and capital towards.

**Carlson** agreed on strategic planning for HWF. He has also offered his 5-acre land he's not farming now for similar projects.

**Guebert** Due to timeliness, the HWF topic should come first.

**Zimmer-Stucky** agrees.

**Masterson** is most interested in the climate change mitigation and soil health topics, with the LLP and easements topic as her second vote, revolving around how we can make more transactions happen. Her third option would be the wildfire mitigation initiative. She's interested in that in terms of farms and properties we're already working with and current StreamCare sites but is hesitant to start working in the woods within our District as they're not part of our strategic plans.



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**Zimmer-Stucky** In terms of strategic plan, the Leadership Team is doing a strategic plan implementation retreat this month, so is there a nexus with that topic for the Board to discuss in the next couple of weeks.

**Beamer** would like to keep that topic to the Board Meeting level, especially since the Annual District Work Plan will be submitted in the next couple of months.

**Zimmer-Stucky** asked Guebert, what can you imagine you could bring back for a work session from the soil health conference you're attending next month?

**Guebert** is also teaching a soil health workshop on May 11<sup>th</sup> that he can bring some information back from. He sees many opportunities where the District can look at some of our initiatives in a different way in order to suppress the carbon into our soil in grazing fields and crop fields. For example, how we can measure the carbon sequestration of soils, whether we want to participate in carbon markets, as a hub for those properties who can't participate on their own now.

**Carlson** could see the climate change/soil health topics tying into the LLP topic as well. He often sees acres of farmland turning into asphalt. Though we don't have deep pockets to make automatic change, it's a topic to discuss as development continues to push agricultural businesses out.

**Beamer** This could also help staff move forward on this topic together, for example around green infrastructure initiatives.

**Rossi** would like to keep his District-wide Strategic Plan topic considered still to ensure the Board's focus is mentioned early.

**Zimmer-Stucky** sees interest in moving forward with the HWF topic to happen as soon as possible.

**Guebert** agrees that it would be okay to schedule the other ideas at a later date.

**The Board** will plan the HWF Work Session date during Agenda Item 11.

**Action Item: Fernandez** to add a Work Session Planning topic to the June Board Meeting Agenda.

#### **6:46pm- Headwaters Weed Mitigation Plan update.**

**Zimmer-Stucky** reminded the Board that Steele and DiLeone presented their Weed Management Plan to the Board during the November 2023 Board meeting, held at Zenger Farm. She understands that the plan is now in action.

**Beamer** The District developed the Weed Management Plan in 2023, before she became Executive Director. There was a discussion around weed pressure to promote this work. There was then a general management strategy developed by staff with Board input, and staff have been moving forward with that plan. She's been meeting with DiLeone and Steele to discuss how the plan is moving forward. She wanted to pause today to ensure that there's a current understanding of the plan and where we are in the plan, since there has been recent interest and concern about HWF's weed issue. The District is actively managing soil health and weed management. Staff capacity and the farmer communication loop are also being increased. There will now be a HWF program update as part of the Rural Lands update in Board Meetings, and we have an internal team working as collective accountability.

**DiLeone** The timeline shows when each step is getting started and when the Board is likely to get an update on how things are going. We added worker capacity to the farm, and things are a little late now,



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but prior to the rainy weather, a lot got done. One important link that the Board may not be aware of is that we have contractors who advise and act as a resource for the farmers. Jen Aaron, a farmer in our District who used to work for OSU Extension, consults on soil health and nutrient management. We also contract with people who have farm business management experience, to support the farmers, along with the staff. The map shows how much of the farm is not being farmed right now with a few recent graduates leaving, so that we can start implanting this plan. The accountability piece shows that we've created a team of people to work with Steele to assess the land that is currently being farmed, in terms of weed level and how weed management is going. She will then work with that team to get another opinion on how the timeline is working as proposed, and where adjustments need to be made.

**Guebert** Who is on the weed assessment team?

**DiLeone** Former OSU Extension employee and two HWF program graduates.

**Zimmer-Stucky** The Cultivator tractor is being provided to HWF farmers at no cost. Are the power ox string trimmers and the flame weeder also being provided at no cost?

**DiLeone** Yes.

**Guebert** Is Jen Aaron's consultation new this year?

**Steele** It was available last year, as an opt in, but this year we are asking farmers to meet every other week for consultation or join every week as part of an ambassador program.

**DiLeone** There will be monthly updates going forward on this process.

**Rossi** Good job on the management plan and he is excited to see the weed tools being provided to the HWF farmers at no cost.

**Carlson** This looks like a great path forward and he is excited to see how it goes.

**Zimmer-Stucky** Regarding additional contracting, how is their work going to be done moving forward?

**DiLeone** They'll be doing a little bit of everything, managed by Steele, based on prioritization for the month.

#### **6:58pm- Response to Director Rossi's Headwaters Farm (HWF) Report**

**Rossi** Thanked the participants for attending today. Their viewpoint is valuable and important to addition to the report. He gave the Board the report to review, at the March Board Meeting, for the staff to give feedback on what's right or wrong and what has been achieved. The report doesn't advocate for any particular style of farming, it was only supposed to be focusing on the farm's performance, because how the HWF farmers get to success doesn't matter to him as much as if they do or not. The intention of the report was to initiate conversation with the farmers and staff in order to make the program better. The people who listed the suggestions weren't from him, he let the participants talk freely. He spoke to one past and one present HWF Farmers, as well as three other farmers who wanted to voice their concerns. Everybody who he spoke to loved Rowan. He appreciates people's input.

**Guebert** can see how much Rossi cares about this topic through this report, highlighting an issue we all knew was happening. He appreciates Rossi helping to elevate this topic to the Board's eyes and sees that as a value. Regarding the steps that DiLeone just mentioned in the Weed Management Plan, he would like to see them take their course before we start thinking about even bigger steps. Knowing we'll be discussing this topic more at a work session should help. We're at a turning point at HWF, and difficulties are to be expected with a program like this. There are going to be changes in personnel, climate, etc. so



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some years will be more successful than others. There's clearly a positive rapport from previous farmers, who attended today, so the path that staff have created seems to be the right way forward right now.

**Carlson** appreciates Rossi bringing this topic up. He's seen the farm progressing at the beginning of his term and then slowly declining. Rossi and he have talked about how to improve the program a few times. He's heard from neighboring properties about their concerns about weeds going into their fields. How do we get this program to the next level?

**Zimmer-Stucky** cross-examine this report with the Headwaters Farm Manual, the Weed Management Plan and its updates, and the Strategic Plan and its goals, and she feels confident that based on those documents, staff is working on daily on the initiatives mentioned in Rossi's report. With more frequent updates from staff, we're moving towards where we need to go. There's no other farm like this one in the country, and it's not going to look like a farm owned by someone who has been there for 10, 20, 60, 80, or even 100 years, but that's just a part of being an incubator farm of any kind. She doesn't feel like that was reflected in some of the people's critiques of the farm, though she thinks some of them were valid. She's never been part of a process where it seemed like everyone was so aligned, and yet it felt so divisive, and she's not sure how to reconcile that, but it's been really hard. What is in the report is what is in the plans the District has created. In the future, she hopes to see Rossi have more ownership over these District-created, Board-approved products, because the things he wants to see are in them. She's glad we're continuing to talk about this and would love to see people from around the country appreciate and enjoy the HWF program. She's glad we're all committed to it.

**Rossi** believes the Board sees alignment. He's disappointed it's only starting in his third year. He saw blame on the participants when it should have been on the District to provide them good plots in the first place and weed mitigation takes away time from the farmers who could be planning, harvesting, learning, and selling instead.

**Beamer** read a message from Masterson (tech-difficulties): She appreciates everyone's support for HWF and she's confident that the path that we're on will lead to a more successful program and more successful graduates.

**Rossi** mentioned to the public that he is available to anybody who would like to talk about how to improve the program, and he'd love to hear their comments.

**Carlson** As he read through the letters in the report, there's a fair amount of blame put on this. He sees that blame as the past and believes there should only be a path forged forwards. He'd love to have the farm be a shining example of how we're helping new farmers get started, learn how to grow, and business acumen, for folks who come from other parts of the country.

**Emily Cooper, Lindsay Goldberg, and Lizzy Simpson** left at 7:15pm.

#### **7:15pm- Personnel Committee Recommendations**

**Zimmer-Stucky** and Masterson were unaware of the vacation policy for new employees, which was at two weeks per year. She asked the staff to request that Compensation Connection do an industry analysis of employee vacation benefits. With that, the Personnel Committee recommended that the Board adopt Compensation Connection's recommendations to increase the new employee vacation accrual to three weeks for their first year. For those employees who have been working for the District for two to five years, their vacation accrual rate would be increased to three and a half weeks annual vacation. This would not affect anyone who has more than five years of tenure with the District.



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**Beamer** This would be effective starting this month and would affect seven employees.

**MOTION: Guebert moved to adopt the Personnel Committee's recommendation to modify the starting vacation accrual policy, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Zimmer-Stucky** We typically do six-month reviews for new Executive Directors. Beamer's six-months aligns with the annual review schedule, so the proposal is to combine both efforts, so that she'll be on the same schedule with staff after that. The Personnel Committee recommended using the same process for the Executive Director review as they did last year with Hamilton. This is to work with Critchfield in July, the Board and Leadership Team will gather feedback for the evaluation, the Board will convene and come up with one unified review, and then Zimmer-Stucky as Board Chair would share the review with Beamer. This would likely result in one Special Board Meeting under Executive Review.

**MOTION: Guebert moved to approve the six-month Executive Director review process as proposed by the Personnel Committee, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

#### **7:21pm – 2024 PIC Grants**

**Kent** presented the recommended list of 2024 PIC Grant recipients for the Board's approval. There are 26 recipients being recommended, through the three different grantee categories. Those categories are habitat restoration, sustainable agriculture and farmer development, and conservation practices in community gardens. This year, there were 48 applications sent in, at an asking total of \$2.3 million, showing that there's a lot more interest in the program, likely due to changes made to the program and capacity in the community. The Board has approved \$950,000 for next year's PIC grants cycle, and we still have \$100,000 from the People's Garden Fund. 12 of the applicants are first time applicants, and 10 of the applicants have current PIC grant awards. The average size of these awards is about \$40,000, eight of the applications are for two-year grants, and a few of the grants are awarded for less than they were asking for.

**Guebert** thanked Kent for making the process easy for the review committees.

**MOTION: Guebert moved to approve the 2024 PIC Grant recommendations as presented, Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

#### **7:34pm – OSU Extension Assessment Update**

**Beamer** presented an update on the OSU Extension Needs Assessment. Dr. Berit Dinsdale, who has been leading the assessment, was on Maternity leave but has now returned, so the work is continuing to move forward. This is a collaborative process with the agriculture community. Our partners include West Multnomah SWCD, Multnomah County Farm Bureau, and Oregon Association of Nurseries Mount Hood Chapter. Together, we are developing a list of constituents to interview, conducted this June through September. We'll review a preliminary report in December 2024, and then receive a final report in early January 2025.

**Zimmer-Stucky** and Rossi had a great meeting with Dr. Dinsdale for some insight and direction. She seems excited about this work.

**Rossi** is excited, Dr. Dinsdale seems to have a lot of energy.

**Zimmer-Stucky** informed everyone that Dr. Lyles passed away a few weeks ago. This is just one piece of his lasting, successful, and impactful career. Dr. Dinsdale had come back from Maternity Leave with the





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same deadlines as before she left, with no work done on it from anyone else in the meantime. Once the District found that out, the timeline was shifted in order to do this work right.

### **7:39pm – 2022 Agriculture Census**

**DiLeone** and Shipkey tried pulling together some of this information, but the Agriculture Census webpage has more great information, including a county summary. The Secretary of Agriculture said there's been a 2% loss of agricultural land in the country, and the Census showed a 6% decrease in Oregon. In Multnomah County though, there's been an increase in acres farmed, which could be an indication that protecting farmland is a priority for more than just us in the District. The Secretary also suggested that the majority of the farmers in this country rely on off-farm income and more diverse sources of income on the farm (ecosystem services credits, bioproducts, direct to consumer sales, etc.) Direct to consumer sales seems like a big reason people in Multnomah County can be farmers. Multnomah County has about the same average number of 10–49-acre farms as Oregon, and the country has. Multnomah County though, does have a higher percentage of under 10-acre farms, and a lower percentage of large-acre farmers, but there are a few! Acreage is evenly spread across nursery crops, vegetable crop, and forage. She's unsure if pastureland is included in their forage analysis though. The value of farmland continues to increase, leading to price to start a farm increasing too, since 2017, mostly in Multnomah County, Washington County, and Clackamas County, likely due to the view of Mount Hood and folks wanting to work in the urban areas as well. Based on demographics, there hasn't been much shift since 2002, showing that Multnomah County is predominantly white farm operators. The only group that grew since then was the Hispanic, Latino, Spanish speaking communities.

**Beamer** reminded the Board that this census is only done every five years, so it's important to pause and reflect on where Multnomah County stands compared to the national trends. The increase in agricultural land being farmed in Multnomah County vs. the decrease in Oregon and across the country does lead back to our work with our mission and the Land Legacy Program.

**Guebert** It was surprising to see how close the County is to the State and Nationally in terms of the number of 10-49-acre farms there are. It seems like an opportunity for us to help protect those lands and keep them from being destroyed.

**Zimmer-Stucky** It is very powerful to see these kinds of trends. She's been reflecting on how if majority of the farms in our District are on less than 10 acres of land and if we're pretty evenly distributed between forage, vegetable, and nursery growers, it shows the District where our reach and services should be aligning. It also underscores the Land Legacy Program and the easement program as a way to make farmland more accessible to more people. She's excited to see more "Forever Farms," in Multnomah County!

**Action Item: Fernandez to send the 2022 Agricultural Census PowerPoint to Masterson.**

**Action Item: DiLeone to send the 2022 Agricultural Census Report to the Board.**

### **7:51pm- March 2024 Financial Reports**

**Mitten** 75% of the Fiscal Year is now completed. On the Balance Sheet, it shows our bank accounts at \$14.9 million, whereas last year at this time it was at \$12.9 million. This is largely due to the Property Tax turnovers that we've received. Accounts Receivable is at \$55,000, while last year at this time, it was at \$16,000. This large variance is due to invoices for the Portland Water Bureau Grant, but we've since received the funds which will show in the April Financial Report. The total Assets and Liabilities are \$21.5 million compared to the \$20.2 million last year at this time, showing a 6.82% increase. For Accounts



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Payables, \$73,000 compared to last year's \$53,000 is due to normal uncashed checks. Security Deposits Returnable shows a few security deposits and miscellaneous bookkeeping entries from over the years that we're cleaning up. This totals \$2,700. In Profit and Loss Performance, Property tax is at \$5.9 million, whereas our total budget is at \$5.7million total, meaning we've exceeded it already. That money will sit there until it's appropriated on July 1st. Interest is still 224% above budget for the year to date, and some has already been appropriated in the most recent supplemental budget adoption. Grants show we received \$72,455 from ODA/OWEB for RL project work as well as F&O administrative support, and from the Portland Water Bureau grant at \$47,070. Under Reimbursements, it shows \$9,000 due to a few grantees who didn't need the full funds, so they returned them, as well as some miscellaneous refunds and rebates received. Expenditures looks fine and anything of note has been mentioned in the past few Board Meetings. The Capital Outlay shows \$92,000 for the Monarch tractor under the Office and Field Equipment line. Of note, we'll be receiving \$49,000 as part of a rebate program associated with the tractor. So overall expenditure on it was about \$43,000. Purchase of real property shows \$11,000, for two \$5000 each property earnest deposits and a title insurance cost from Gordon Creek. The \$127,000 under Capital is for the office building renovations. Finally, Profit and Loss by Class shows all programs are within their spending appropriations for the year to-date.

**Eric Nusbaum** left at 7:52pm.

**Jeremy Baker** left at 7:55pm.

#### **7:58pm- Board Discussion: FY 24-25 Board Meeting Dates**

**Zimmer-Stucky** asked the Board to review the calendar to ensure there aren't any that will cause conflicts for multiple members.

**Carlson** will not attend the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**Beamer** reminded the Board that the August 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting is tentative and if it is scheduled it will be an on-line meeting.

**Zimmer-Stucky** suggested June for the HWF Work Session.

**The Board** agreed that either June 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or 20<sup>th</sup> at 4-6pm works for them.

**Action Item: Fernandez to work with Staff to finalize a date for the Headwaters Farm Board Work Session.**

#### **8:04pm- Announcements, Action Items, and Adjournment**

**Guebert** invited everyone to his Pasture Workshop, which still has some openings, on Saturday in Corbett. He also started a new job as the Program Director for the Oregon Pasture Network, today. He will be remote for the June Board Meeting due to attending the Soil Health Workshop in Montana.

**Masterson** The Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) had another meeting, in which they appointed their budget. There is also another rule-making meeting for OAHP coming up soon if staff want to attend.

#### **Action Items:**

- **Fernandez** to add a Work Session Planning topic to the June Board Meeting Agenda.
- **Fernandez** to send the 2022 Agricultural Census PowerPoint to Masterson.
- **DiLeone** to send the 2022 Agricultural Census Report to the Board.
- **Fernandez** to work with Staff to finalize a date for the Headwaters Farm Board Work Session.

**Zimmer-Stucky** adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.