



**HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING Minutes  
May 12, 2020  
4:00-6:00 pm**

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*Planting Seeds of Inspiration to Promote Conscious Stewardship of our Natural Resources*

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**4:05 CALL TO ORDER - Suzanne Aikin, President**

Virtually Present by Zoom meeting: Suzanne Aikin, Joanne Teetzel Joe Lanier, Jim Farrier and Adam Kackstetter, Joel Lee (NRCS), Hassan Hourmanesh joined at 4:22,  
Absent: David Temple

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS - none**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to accept by Jim, seconded by Adam - passed

**APPROVAL OF April MINUTES** Motion to accept by Jim, seconded by Suzanne - passed

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President** – Suzanne Aikin

School to farm is requesting assistance again and we need to make a decision on if and what we can do for that program, which we all agree is highly worthwhile and important to our mission. Greg confirms that we will be submitting an application to fund the highly successful nozzle exchange program again through the CSCB matching Grant program. Greg agreed to figure out how much we want for nozzles and in turn how much we can provide MSTFP.

**Vice President** – David Temple - absent

**Secretary/Treasurer** – Joanne Teetzel & Hassan Hourmanesh -

Joanne officially resigned her post as Treasurer at this meeting and Hassan is now officially the Treasurer for HDCD. Joanne pointed out that HDCD has a Certificate of Deposit that has reached maturity and we need to decide if we are going to reenroll in a CD, or invest the money elsewhere. Hassan was not yet present in the meeting and board agreed that Hassan should have some say in this decision. Jim made a motion to re-enroll the matured CD back into another CD pending Hassans input, Seconded by Adam - Passed

Quarterly Financials and Approval – Motion to accept by Adam ,seconded by Jim - passed

**STAFF REPORTS**

**NRCS** – Joel Lee business as per new usual, All but one NRCS employee is working from home and the office doors are locked. His team is working mostly on engineering and

has been quite successful in accomplishing their workload despite the new challenges brought about by Covid-19. His office is finding it difficult to work with new customers, but they are doing the best they can while complying with Social distancing rules. There has been, and will continue to be high turnover in his office, but things are going well. He has two new hires currently pending.

**DM – Greg Vlaming** Sales are going well and Greg has worked out a good system to make sales out of the office in these new interesting times. Seed drill is back online from being in the shop two times recently. He has been doing site visits and doing a lot of business over the phone. He is working an average of four hours a day and things are going well. He has made some headway on the soil health project by renting a dump trailer and delivered compost to his plots. He will have his baseline soil samples complete next week and the manure spreader is in and just needs to be paid for.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Grants/Funding** – Ballentine, CSCB CWCB, Our goal is to get half of our equipment and time matched through grants this year and Greg is working on this and will have more info about this next week.

**SW Ag Fall Seminar/Annual Meeting** – Tabled

**Website** – HD CD is still desperately in need of a website of our own and are looking for someone that can build it for us. Adam agreed to put Greg in contact with a local acquaintance of his named Kirbi that does web and graphic design in hopes she can help.

**6:00 ADJOURN** – Suzanne Aikin, President

**NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING: TBA**  
Location: TBA

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 9, 2020**  
USDA Service Center                      4:00-6:00