



NEOSWA – September Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 7th, 2023 (In-Person or Zoom)

Attendees:

Paul Harlan (President), Jack Kleinhoff (Vice President), Jacob Putney (Secretary), Debi Lorence (Board Member), Maurizio Valerio (Board Member), Irene Jerome (Board Member), Lyle Defrees, Jana Peterson, Travis Lowe, Mark Bennett

Called to Order: 6:03 PM

Meeting Minutes:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Treasurer's Report - Randy couldn't attend meeting, but provided the following report regarding our bank account & signers:

Our current account is at Umpqua. I tried to update the name on the account & update signers and provided them with the IRS letter with our new name and ID number. Since the number does not match the existing account, which has been an issue with other OSWA Chapters, they suggested we open a new account. The bank said they would make the changes if all of the signers signed off. Current signers are Randy Guyer, Lyle Defrees, & Carmelita Holland.

Therefore, I suggest the following:

- *Adopt the following and document in a signed copy of the minutes*
 - 1. Select a Bank and Approved Opening a New Account*
 - 2. Approve the Signers for this Account*
- *Bring the signed minutes, IRS Letter, a Check Signed by Randy, & a Copy of the Bylaws to open the new Bank Account and close the Old Account.*
- We did not get a chance to discuss this at this meeting. We will include this as a Business Item for the November Meeting.
- Randy will get with Brian to discuss the transition in the Treasurer Role.
- Invoices for Approval – *Jacob Putney*
 - WordPress Account & Website Domain (\$67)
 - Paid for by Jacob with Personal Credit Card – NEOSWA Reimburse Jacob.
 - NEOSWA Brochure Printing (Qty: 100) by Cattleman Press (\$133.61)
 - **Not Yet Paid** – NEOSWA Pay via Check to Cattleman Press/Aspen Digital.
 - A motion was made to approve paying these invoices as described – Maurizio
 - The motion was properly seconded – Jack
 - A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Oregon Wildfire Risk Map Discussion – *Mark Bennett & Debi Lorence*
 - Map is now going to be called a "Hazard Map" and the number of levels has been reduced to three. Intended more to be an education tool.



- The Map should be released soon to County Commissioners (Associated Oregon Counties). A series of meetings by district will be held.
 - District 1 (Baker, Grant, Malheur, Umatilla, Union, & Wallowa) Meeting scheduled for Friday, September 29th in Pendleton.
 - These meetings are not intended for the public and public comment will not be taken.
 - Public Meetings will be scheduled for later this year.
- Upcoming Event: *Living in The Woods – What’s the Risk?*
 - Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00am – 1:00pm, in Wallowa County. Hosted by Paul & Lori Harlan. Topics include identifying predators on your property and an update on the Oregon Wildfire Risk Map.
 - Still need to identify a speaker from ODF to discuss the map.
 - A flyer and announcement have been sent out to membership. Paul has done some outreach locally.
 - Jacob will continue to advertise the event and reach out to Wallowa Resources to discuss advertising through their networks & social media.
- Other Business
 - Bylaws Update
 - Decided to table until the November Meeting so the Board has a chance to finalize revisions & proposed changes.
 - Blue Mountain Forest Cooperative
 - Randy Guyer & Steve Edwards have discussed dissolving the Coop and closing the account. They are suggesting to members they donate their equity to NEOSWA.
 - Randy is taking on this project and will discuss it at the November Meeting.
 - Upcoming Event: *A Humungous Forestry Tour*
 - Jacob is hosting a Forest Health Tour on Friday, October 6th, in the Malheur National Forest. This tour will feature OSU Extension Forest Health Specialist, Dave Shaw, USFS Pathologist, Mike McWilliams, and other forest health experts to see the “Humungous Fungus” and discuss a variety of forest health issues in the Blue Mountains.
 - The event is free, but registration is required. See the attached flyer for more details or visit the event website:
 - Humungous Forestry Tour: <https://beav.es/Tua>

Adjourn: 7:13 PM

Next Meeting: *Thursday, November 9th, 2023 (Location & Agenda TBA)*