



NEOSWA – March Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026

Attendees:

Paul Harlan (President), Jack Kleinhoff (Vice President), Jacob Putney (Secretary), Brian Rabe (Treasurer), Irene Jerome (Board Member), Jim Jerome, Debi Lorence (Board Member), Jana Peterson, Bill ?, Alyssa Cudmore (Board Member; Zoom), Thom Seal (Zoom), Mike Cafferata (OSWA ED; Zoom), Kreg Lindberg

Called to Order: 5:32 PM

Meeting Minutes:

- Treasurer's Report – *Brian*
 - No changes since last report (January)
 - Chapter taxes have been filed
- OSWA Update – *Paul*
 - OSWA Board is considering creating a student membership to encourage student involvement in local Chapters. This would be managed by Chapters, and they would cover membership costs.
 - OSWA Board is also considering a Bylaws change to allow for memberships to be transferred. This would be in situations such as a death in the family or the sale of a member's property.
 - Renewals – We still have a few members who have not yet renewed their membership. Jacob has compiled a list of these members (attached). Please reach out to folks to encourage them to renew and let the Board know as to not duplicate efforts.
 - Paul's term on the OSWA Board ends this year. Plans to run for second term.
 - 2026 Oregon Family Forest Convention
 - June 25-27th, Roseburg, OR
 - Hosted by the Douglas Chapter
 - 2027 Oregon Family Forest Convention
 - We (NEOSWA) will be hosting in Grant County. Tentatively June 17-19th, 2027
 - Roje Gootee (Rush Creek Ranch) recognized as 2025 OTFY
 - We will work with the State OSWA Board to plan the meeting. Need to explore meeting spaces and potential tour location(s) soon.
- Incident Management in NE OR – *Presentation, Jana Peterson, Oregon Dept. of Forestry*
 - Jana provided a great overview of how wildfire incidents are approached and managed in northeast Oregon. She created a useful handout with definitions and helpful tips.
- 2026 NEOSWA Meetings & Events
 - Air Curtain Incinerator Demonstrations
 - Thursday, April 9th, Westminster Woods, Meacham
 - Friday, April 10th, Clyde Holiday State Park, Mount Vernon



- Grant County Natural Resources Fair (Friday, April 17th, John Day; Flyer Attached)
- Woodland Information Night (Wednesday, April 29th, Baker City; Flyer Attached)
 - Baker County Event Center, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
 - Brief presentations & open house of natural resource organizations that provide assistance to landowners in Baker County. Food provided.
- Wallowa High School Program & Heartwood Biomass Tour (Thursday May 21st, Wallowa)
 - Maurizio & Paul are working with Dave Duncan to coordinate.
- NEOSWA Field Day (Saturday, June 20th, Medical Springs)
 - 9:00am to 3:00pm (Lunch provided)
 - Joint field day w/ Firewise. Presentations, discussions, demonstrations, & scenarios. Topics include assessments, fire tools, timberland values, treating slash, transplanting/planting, and a management planning scenario. Planning underway.
- Tour of Auburn (Saturday, July 11th, Auburn)
 - Plans are underway for a tour of Auburn (Jack's) while a team of researchers are conducting an archeological dig. More details TBA.
- Other Business
 - Rescheduling the May Board Meeting for Thursday, May 28th, at 5:30 PM.
 - Jacob will confirm meeting space is available and update meeting invite.

Adjourn: 6:42 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28th, 5:30 PM (Board Meeting)



APRIL 17TH

3RD ANNUAL GRANT COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES FAIR

12:00- 4:00 PM
Grant County
Fairgrounds Pavilion

Join us for the 3rd Annual Grant County Natural Resources Fair. Meet with local partners and vendors who will be available to answer your questions and provide resources to help with natural resource management. The event will also feature two keynote presentations. Grant Weed Department is offering to assist in calibration for sprayers and plant identification. Oregon Department of Forestry will also host a drone demonstration.

Lunch will be provided!

Question?

Contact Tyler Bales by, Calling 541-628-5056, Emailing tbales@grantswcd.net
Visit grantswcd.net for Agenda



Keynote Speakers

- Scott Leavengood and Jenna Deibel, OSU Extension
Lumber Grading Training Program and Western Juniper Utilization Update
- Trout Unlimited
Flow Restoration and Irrigation Enhancement Opportunities in John Day Watershed

Resources and Vendors

- Southern Blues PBA
- OSU Extension
- NEOSWA
- NRCS
- Grant Weed Department
- Grant SWCD
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Malheur National Forest
- Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Clearwater Seed
- Living Water Irrigation
- South Fork Watershed Council
- Monument SWCD
- ODFW
- Warm Spring Tribes
- ODA
- Grant Harney Fire Prevention Co-op

**Pizza Donated By
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**GRANT COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS PAVILION**

411 NW Bridge St.,
John Day, OR

BAKER COUNTY

WOODLAND INFORMATION NIGHT



HOSTED BY NORTHEAST OREGON SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION

Are you a woodland owner looking for support, funding, or guidance for your property? Join us for an evening focused on connecting private landowners with the people and programs that can help you reach your goals.

Attendees can expect an open house with agency tables and **opportunities for one-on-one conversations about their land, goals, and available resources.** Topics will include funding opportunities, technical assistance, forest and land management, wildfire resilience, and resources for working lands.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

5:00 - 7:00PM | BAKER COUNTY EVENT CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER,
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