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# MASWCD DRAFT MINUTES Special WebEx Meeting October 31, 2023 9:00 am

## Present

Ron Willis, President  
Ryan Britt, Past President  
Beverly Dometrorch, Area IV  
Jeff Deshon Area V  
Tim Neely, Area VI  
Kenny Spooler, Area VIII  
Harold Lampe, Treasurer  
Jim Boschert, Executive Director

## Not Present

Jim Carlson, Area I, Steve Radcliffe Area II Scot Shively, Area III, and David Hutsell Area VII

President Ron Willis called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Roll call was done. A quorum was established.

Ron Willis asked Jim Boschert to discuss the Training Coordinator position. Jim mentioned there were 2 applications received for the position. Jim mentioned that Ron Willis, Harold Lampe and Jim have discussed switching the Training Coordinator position from a full-time employee to a contract labor. Jim went over the cost and the possible monthly stipend for a contract labor position. Jim mentioned he has discussed this switch with NRCS and they are fine with switching the funding to a contract labor position. Jeff Deshon made a motion to make the Training Coordinator position a contract labor instead of an employee since this is preferred by MASWCD Board. The motion was seconded by Beverly Dometrorch. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Ron asked Jim to contact both applicants and discuss the contract labor versus employee option and then let the board know how the applicants' thoughts.

Ron Willis mentioned the next item on the agenda was other business. Ron mentioned that Kathryn Braden a former MASWCD Board Director and Commissioner, passed away in August. Ryan Britt made a motion to send a \$100

memorial to the organizations listed in Kathryn's obituary. The motion was seconded by Beverly Dometorch. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Ron Willis mentioned he would be attending the Missouri Governor's Conference on Ag in November. He mentioned he would be willing to pay his mileage and hotel if MASWCD could pay his \$225 registration.

Jim Boschert went over Training Conference. Jim mentioned there are currently 162 individuals registered for the conference and 56 of these are board members. Jim mentioned that the rest of the planning for the training conference is progressing.

Ron Willis appointed Jeff Deshon to the Audit Committee to replace Gary Bonacker. The Audit Committee will meet after the MASWCD business meeting at the training conference.

Ryan Britt mentioned he and Jim Boschert will be meeting with a group at NRCS Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning to discuss with the increase in funding coming to the SWCDs how the SWCDs can handle this additional funding.

Ron Willis asked Jim to set up Webex interviews on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ron mentioned the next meeting will be November 26<sup>th</sup> at Training Conference.

Ryan Britt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Deshon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Boschert, Executive Director

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Ron Willis, President

