

2018 Local Work Group Meeting Notes

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Three Local Workgroup Meetings (LWG) were held:

1. Wed 9:00 am Feb 10 YSWCD Board Meeting, Miller Woods Property
2. Wed 9:30am Feb 17 OSU Extension, McMinnville OR
3. Thursday 9:30am Feb 18 West Valley Fire station, Willamina OR

Outreach Plan

The Following add was posted in 2 local newspapers

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
Local Land Owners, Farmers, Ranchers
Agency: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Meeting: Local Work Group meetings for Yamhill County

Purpose: In an effort to gather input from different parts of the county, the USDA-NRCS and the Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District are hosting three separate Local Work Group Meetings in January. The annual meetings are an opportunity for public input from local farmers, ranchers, land owners, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations. The potential input helps determine natural resource priorities and opportunities for collaborative investment in Yamhill County.

Dates: January 10, 17 & 18
January 10th Miller Woods Conference Room
9:00 am - 10:00 am
15580 NW Orchard View Rd, McMinnville, OR 97128

January 17th Yamhill County Public Works Auditorium,
(Next to the OSU Extension Office)
9:30 am -12:00 pm
2050 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville, OR

January 18th West Valley Fire Building
9:30 am -12:00 pm
825 NE Main St, Willamina, OR

Contact: For more information, please call Thomas Hoskins at (503) 376-7605.

A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting. Contact Thomas Hoskins at (503) 376-7605 or email Thomas.Hoskins@or.usda.gov

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Paper #1. McMinnville News Register

Contact Person: Angie Moores

Phone: 503-687-1214

Email: www.newsregister.com

Price: \$278 1/9 per run

Paper #2. Sheridan Bulletin

Contact Person: Marianne Thompson

Phone: 503-687-3000

Price. \$54 for 2 column x4.5 inch

See the AD700s for additional information.

Other Outreach:

Emails were sent to all previous LWG participants.

Phone calls were also made to people who had expressed interest in coming to the meeting previously.

Meeting Details:

Meeting 1. Miller Woods:

Participants: 20

Note: This LWG meeting was held during the YSWCD Board Meeting.

Meeting Time 9:00 am – 10:00 am

5 min	Thomas Hoskins NRCS District Conservationist	Welcome Housekeeping and Review Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outline: objectives, decision-making process, relationship between NRCS & SWCD
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Objectives of the meeting:

- Inform the public about what the Conservation District and the NRCS currently have available.
Example: No-Till Drill, Mulching service, EQIP CIS's
- Create and Discuss future Conservation Strategies.
- We had 20 people present at the meeting, including YSWCD Board members district staff, NRCS staff, local farmers, landowners, ODF employees, Greater Yamhill Watershed council staff, and TSP foresters

10 min	Thomas Hoskins NRCS District Conservationist	Inform: Where have we been?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss previous Ag and Forestry Conservation Strategies
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10 min	Thomas Hoskins NRCS District Conservationist	Inform: What are we doing now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss Existing Ag and Forestry Conservation Strategies
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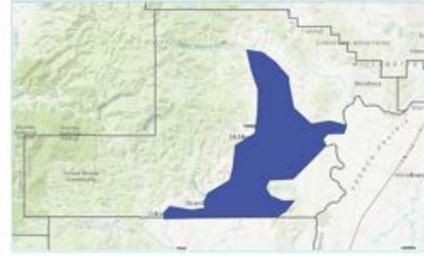
10 min	Thomas Hoskins NRCS District Conservationist	Create: Where are we going now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present proposed Conservation Strategies
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10 min	Thomas Hoskins NRCS District Conservationist	Create: Gather Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Feedback forms for this meeting
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Feedback Notes: These four preliminary Conservation Strategies were presented at this meeting, and voted on.



Phase 2 AG Water Quality
Irrigation improvements, Cover Crops.



Soil Health and Soil Quality
Manure management, Livestock, crop practices

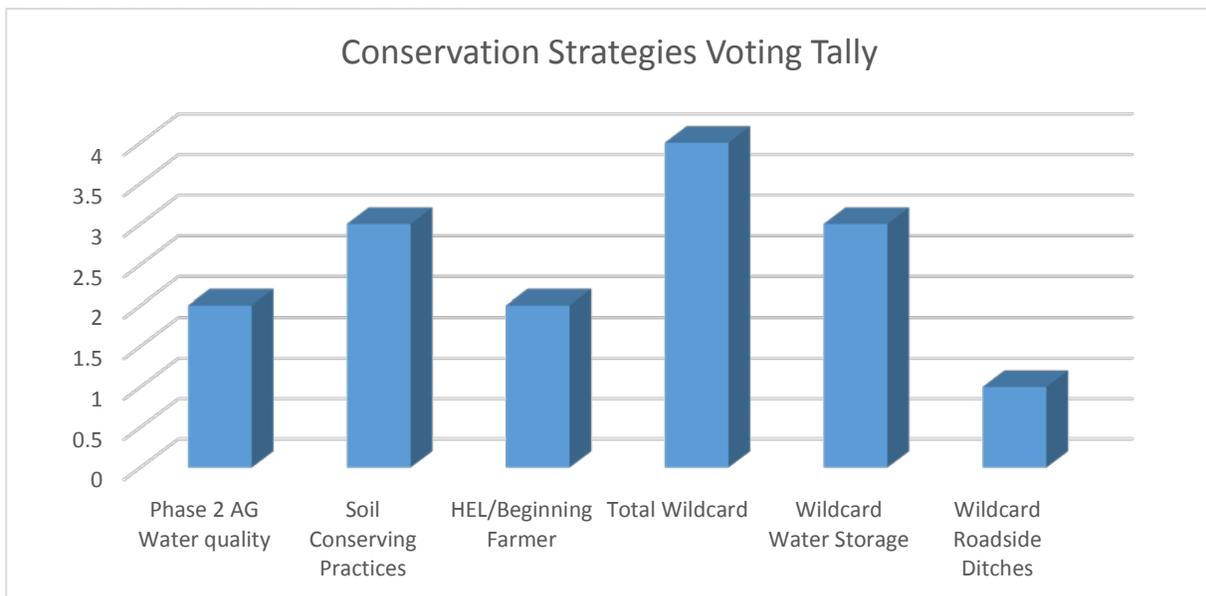


Highly Erodible Land/ Beginning Farmer
Fence, livestock practices, High Tunnels



Wild Card.... Propose your own CIS

The Results are summarized in this Chart



Meeting 2 and 3. McMinnville OSU Extension/ County Roads Building

Meeting Time 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

15 min	McMinn Mtg. Thomas Hoskins Willimina Mtg. Larry Ojua Yamhill SWCD Executive Director	Welcome, Introductions, and House Keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we apply more conservation practices. • What will it take to plant 1500 acres to cover crop • What will it take to plant 20 miles of road side buffers • How can we as the NRCS and the District make adoption of conservation practices easier?
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10 min	Sam Sweeney (McMinnville) Leo Krick (Willimina) Conservation District Board Member	Local Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics of erosion • Cost of soil
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McMinnville: 8 Participants

Sam Sweeney spoke at the McMinnville Meeting, and he has been a Conservation District Board member for 35 years, and he is also a local farmer. Sam spoke for 10 minutes, during which he discussed the value of soil, and the time it takes to create soil. The cost of soil erosion in time, and loss of family farms as a result. He explained the history of the valley, and its erosion problems. Sam spoke personally about what his family has done to reduce erosion on their own farm, and he added a local perspective to the LWG.

Willimina: 21 Participants

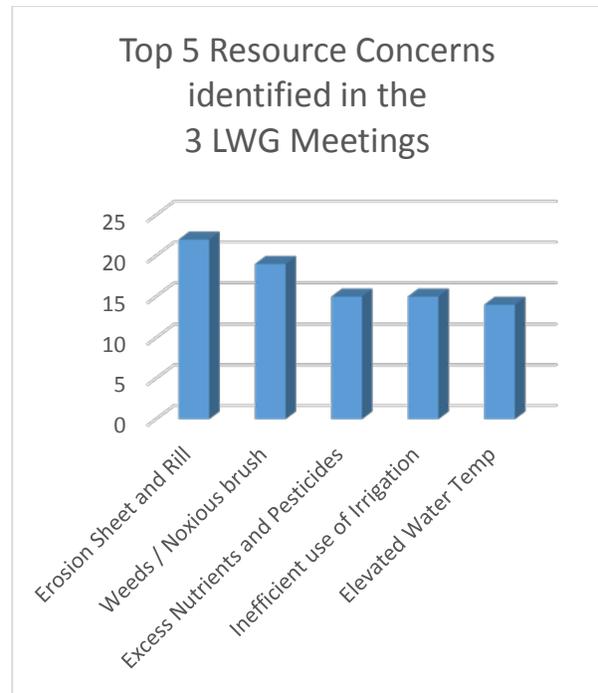
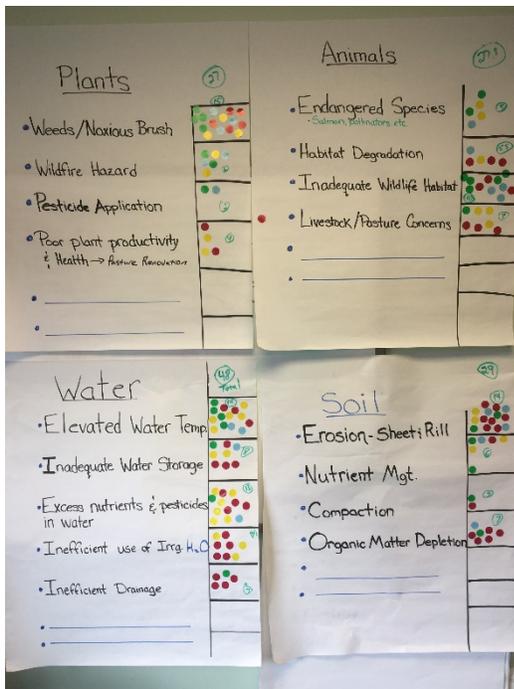
Leo Krick spoke at the Willimina Meeting, and he has been a board member for 5 years. He spoke about how RCPP and EQIP dollars have helped him on his ranching operation. He discussed the weed problem that he inherited, and how it felt getting land for free (after freeing it from black berry occupation). He explained why people’s attendance at this meeting was important, and how their input would be valuable for the creation of the next Conservation Strategy.

20 min	Inform: Josh Togstad Conservation District Planner	Inform about the Districts creative solutions to conservation problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss erosion • CREP • RCPP • No-till drill and Mulching Service • Why did the district purchase a no till drill?
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30 min	Inform: Thomas Hoskins	Existing Conservation Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry CIS • Ag CIS
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5 min	Create: Thomas	Determine Priority Resource Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Concern Exercise
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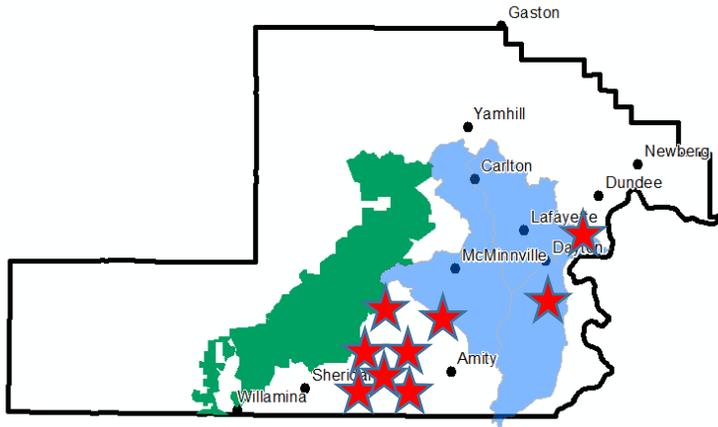
Results:



Notes: This photo of the “resource concern” data sheet has the data from both meetings. Resource concern data from the Miller woods data was not tabulated in the same format. That data was collected on the questionnaire from the meeting. A copy of all documents is kept in the NRCS DC file.

10 min	Thomas Hoskins NRCS District Conservationist	Create: Gather Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Feedback forms for this meeting
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Map Feedback. ★ Each red star represents one data point from the McMinnville and Willamina Evaluation and Feedback form. Question asked? Where do we go from here?



Summary:

Agencies and Groups Represented

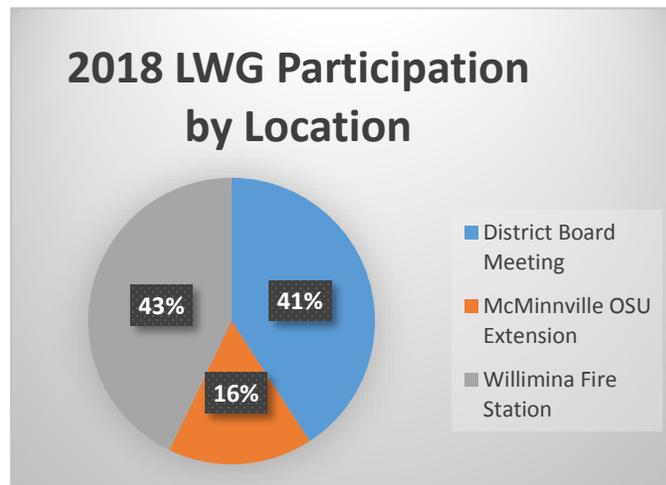
Grand Ronde Tribe, ODFW, Friends of Family Farmers, Greater Yamhill Watershed Council, USFWS, High Tunnel Producers, Small Land owners, Large scale farmers,

Big Ideas and Common Themes discussed

1. The need for on Farm Water Storage/Ponds
2. Working with the Roads Department to improve drainage and reduce erosion

Potential educational opportunities

1. Compost Seminar



Lessons Learned

1. There will never be 3 LWG meetings in one year.
2. Hosting the LWG outside of McMinnville was very valuable, and the landowners in Willimina seemed pleased that the NRCS and the SWCD were in their area doing the meeting.
3. The LWG at the Board Meeting was very beneficial, and I am grateful for your willingness to have a meeting during your limited time.
4. Next Year the LWG will be held in Newberg.
5. Talk to farmers and find out when the Seed growers conference, and the Hazelnuts growers conference is scheduled.

Attachments:

1. Meeting Agenda (one common agenda for all 3 meetings)
2. Power Point for Miller Woods Presentation 1/10/2018
3. Blank Evaluation and Feedback form for Miller Woods Meeting:
4. Blank Evaluation and Feedback form for McMinnville and Willimina meeting.
5. Participant Sign-in forms