

Topic	Process/Activity	Who	Notes
Welcome and Virtual Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Message from Mark Overview of tools/tech we'll use today 	Mark Craven	Roll Call: Stephanie Crouch, Tom Salzer, Mark Craven, Joy Garitone, Laura Meyer, Ron Shultz, Ryan Baye, Sandi Hiatt, Mike Nordin, Bill Eller, Sue Marshall, Dave Hedrick, Larry Cochran, Shirley St. John, Jeanette Dorner, Kirstin Haugen, Cindy Reed, Craig Nelson, Audrey Ahmann
Review information requested by JCE members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CD election data from recent election What is required in a PCD financial disclosure? CDs with rates and charges Discussion with Oregon CD representative 	Mark Craven Bill Eller Ryan Baye Laura Meyer Sandi Hiatt	<p>Presentation of requested information:</p> <p><i>Bill Eller: Reports on elections results (2021).</i></p> <p>2021 Election Statistics: Last year (2020) 12 elections were held. This year (2021), all 45 CDs held an election. The option to cancel an election was removed, so instead of an average of 67.2% (average of ten years) of cancelled elections, it dropped to 0%. Even though more elections were held, there was not a huge jump in the number of voters.</p> <p>Table that was shared, add in column regarding contested elections, and how many had a mail-in ballot option. Did that have an impact? Is it possible to pull it into one table?</p> <p><i>Ryan Baye presents PDC F-1 Disclosures:</i> Find the full F-1 information here. Some information required: Income Financial assets and interest income WA Real Estate Debt Business and Organizational Interests Other Relationships Lobbying Gifts and Travel Immediate Family</p> <p><i>Rates and charges:</i> Won't have that information until CDs report at the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p><i>Discussion with Oregon CD Representative:</i></p>

			<p>Sandi Hiatt, works for Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA) as Grants Administrator. Every two years, positions that are to be reelected go up on the general ballot. Eligibility is to be a resident of the district and an active, registered voter. Zone positions is to be actively managing 10 acres. Once verified, information is submitted. In the statute (ORS 568), states that counties pay for elections, so neither ODA or SWCDs pay for elections. All eligibility requirements are in the statute, as well. It would be costly if it had to be paid for. SWCDs and the Commission (SWCC) is under the umbrella of ODA. Each board is an independent, local special district. OWEB board gives SWCDs capacity grants, allocated by the legislature. Money comes through the lottery and also federally funded, this biennium is around \$7.56 million.</p> <p><i>ORS 568: "568.542 Payment of expenses for director election from county funds. The expenses incurred for the election of directors of a soil and water conservation district under ORS 568.210 to 568.808 and 568.900 to 568.933 shall be paid out of county funds by the county or counties within which the territory of the district lies. [1995 c.243 §2]"</i></p> <p>ODA has a map to see the zones and who is serving in those zones.</p> <p>10-acre requirement has been questioned in the past. Legislation has been presented, but did not pass, to change this requirement. The statute has been around for a long time; the last change was around 2010.</p> <p><i>Have general elections created a partisan race in Oregon?</i> Response: It can in some areas, and it can change from election to election. There was an election in 2018 where a lot of people running for a seat, and much communication was sent out surrounding it. In 2016 there was a race for a seat that seemed to be political, based on location and the fact that the candidate went to the press.</p> <p><i>In voter guide, is there information about what SWCDs do?</i> Districts have to pay to be in the local voter guide – filed with the county clerks. Only what the director puts in there, they are strongly encouraged to add info about what SWCDs do.</p> <p><i>Do CDs in Oregon have taxing authority?</i> They do – they have to have that voted in, however. 14 of the 45 have tax bases.</p>
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<p>Review combined matrix</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussion of the information from the matrix and options 	<p>Laura Meyer Group Discussion</p>	<p>Review Combined/Consolidated Matrix:</p> <p>Four-year terms: Highest rated in the consolidated table. County Commissioners also serve four-year terms.</p> <p>Looks at lines 7-10 as being what CDs see for themselves, and lines 11-15 sees for external stakeholders.</p> <p>Thinks that there may be a bit of confusion surrounding what the public wants or wants to pay for. Feels like it's an unknown factor. One district board that polled will not be on the ballot if they have to fill out the financial disclosure.</p> <p>Public disclosure: Wants to be exempted from financial disclosure. Many supervisors will not give out that information for a volunteer position.</p>

			<p>Would like to have financial information before actually considering going on the ballot.</p> <p>Conservation Week: Has been looked at favorably, even outside of the context of elections. Overall consensus is positive.</p>
New options discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion of any new options from matrix exercise. 	Mark Craven Group Discussion	<p>New options discussion:</p> <p>Some options thrown out by Oregon: Moving from 5 to 7 supervisors, as well as the at-large positions – could give more urban areas representation on the board.</p> <p>Agenda items for upcoming meetings: Can we find out what the elections on the ballot would cost, ball park? It seems like we need to know this.</p>
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