

OACD BOARD BALLOT FOR 2021 ELECTION

The following two candidates have self-nominated for the two positions listed. We received no other nominations. Please put a Y (yes) or N (no) on the line by the candidates' names and return, or you may send an email stating your choices. There is one vote per district and those votes are due by November 29 so that your board will have time to respond.

NORTHWEST REGION

_____ **Karin Stutzman, District Manager, Polk County SWCD**

I would be honored to continue in the Northwest Position. I will continue to work to foster collaborative partnerships and build solid programming for districts around the state.

- Polk SWCD District Manager 8 years
- Luckiamute Watershed Council Executive Board Member 9 years
- Chair Polk Extension Citizens Advisory Network 2 years
- Founding member and host for the Salt Creek Collaborative with Commissioner Craig Pope and OSU Water Resources Department finding solutions to ag water quality and quantity for land managers

Solid technical assistance and funding for Polk SWCD:

Fulltime CREP technician

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- NRCS RCPP – with Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, USFWS, Institute for Applied Ecology, oak habitat restoration totaling \$2.5 million (2021-2025)
- Small Farms Outreach Coordinator share with OSU Extension Polk and Marion Counties
- Full-time Outreach Coordinator – wildlife and urban/suburban focus
- Quarterly magazine *CULTIVATING* -15,000 readers (partnership with OSU Extension Polk County and local newspaper Itemizer Observer)

SOUTHWEST REGION

_____ **Justin Ferrell, District Manager, Lakeview/Silver Lake SWCDs**

(The following information was supplied by one of Justin's board members.)

- Justin has been the district manager for the Lakeview and Fort Rock/Silver Lake SWCDs for the last 13 yrs. and has gained great respect from landowners and agencies he works with in this area.
- Justin is a valued asset to the Lakeview and Fort Rock/Silver Lake SWCDs, and I feel he would be a good representative for our region.
- Justin would bring to the board a very in-depth knowledge of the CCAA/RCCP issues related to Sage Grouse, which he has been involved with since its inception and in which OACD is involved.
- He is also very insightful into the intricacies of dealing with government agencies while implementing projects for the SWCD. In short, the OACD Board would benefit immensely from Justin's expertise.
- Justin has served on the OACD Board since 2018.

COLUMBIA PLATEAU REGION

No nominations were received for this board position. This position includes Sherman, Wasco, Hood River, Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, Gilliam (Currently this position is filled by Ken Bailey, but he is not running for another term. The board will need to appoint a replacement. Information will be mailed soon so people can let the board know of their interest.