



**Grant County Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018 - 7:00 PM
1107 S. Juniper Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837**

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman (Chair), Glenn Burkholder, Dan Roseburg, John Preston

Agencies – Erin Kaczmarczyk (Natural Resources Conservation Service-NRCS), Patricia Hickey (Washington Association of Conservation Districts -WACD), Ryan Baye (WACD)

Associate Supervisor – Harold Crose

Staff – Marie Lotz (Manager), Lyle Stoltman (Recorder)

Call Meeting to Order:

A quorum was established. Dave Stadelman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at GCCD office in Moses Lake WA.

Public Input:

There was not any input from the public.

Approval of July 10, 2018 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

No changes or additions to July 2018 minutes.

Motion by Preston to approve minutes as presented for July 10, 2018 meeting minutes, second by Roseburg, motion carries.

Approval of August 14, 2018 Financial Reports:

Manager Lotz presented the financial report to the group.

- Processing a lot of burn permits, all seems to be for wheat stubble. Big burn ban in Grant County so people were complaining about legal field burns.
- IMP grant \$13,500 voucher for the month.
- Soil Health grant discussion on reimbursements.
- Killinger subpoenaed to appear in Ritzville, the kid plead guilty, Ford Edge is getting fixed next Monday.
- Money markets, Lotz will go with a Supervisor to open up a new interest-bearing account at another bank.

Motion by Burkholder to approve the August 14, 2018 financial report as presented by Lotz, second by Preston, motion carries. Checks #8936-8979 dated July 11, 2018 to August 14, 2018 were totaling \$110,566.52. Payroll checks #8938-8941 totaling \$7,834.20 and #8950-8954 totaling \$10,872.06 included in total above.

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Agency Reports:

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Report – Report by Kaczmarczyk, no report specifically – talked about “horizon” new NRCS way to rank EQIP, CSP, etc. and a new desktop software.

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Report – Report – presented by Baden,

- Budget packages are being prepared to be submitted.
- Livestock TA allocations being considered, how can it be improved?
- Districts’ annual reports of accomplishments are due August 24th.
- Open Government training, will send Lotz last time training was done, Lotz will see if it was done in the last couple of years.
- Task orders being worked on.
- Engineering packages being worked on including those with cluster engineering. Auditors are raising concerns because they feel cluster engineer is not going through competitive process. We do not use a Cluster engineer.
- Fire related items, currently no funding. Take info from affected people.

Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Report – Presented by Hickey, task orders with WSCC for soil health.

- Main goals right now are to get budget passed.
- Legislative tours for our guys.
- Contact legislators and tell how important VSP and it needs to be funded.
- Started communications committee, never had one, had to get guys together.
- NACD regional meeting coming up soon, in Kennewick, WA.

Discussion ensued at this point re: combines, wheat yields, prices, technology, grant funding, VSP.

Old Business:

Rates & Charges Updates – The district has received 2 checks so far since last meeting, for a total of \$172,949.95 so far this year. Working on cost share projects for Grant County and need to start working on Quincy/Warden community outreach/education and discuss with City resource concerns.

VSP Update – Mailer proposed, Lotz showed group example and demonstrated how it would fold. Would cost 0.29 each to mail plus printing, 2,364 to mail out, cost around \$2,200 plus tax for them all to go out total.

Wondering about timing to mail out. Next year or sooner? Discussions ensued, the group collectively thought it would be best to go out next month.

Motion by Burkholder to send out VSP mailer, second by Roseburg, motion carries.

Office Space Update – Building at 1036 Ivey Street, some problems, good option. Currently for sale, Lotz and Preston went with Keith Rupprecht, realtor, to look at the property.



Roseburg talked about property owned by Fire District #5. Discussion was positive. It was agreed that GCCD should try to get in on an executive session soon to discuss it soon.

Lotz showed potential layouts, and mentioned they like the Potato commission building.

Discussion ensued regarding architects, permits, utilities, contractors, MRSC, design build.

Need “ducks in a row” for Lauzier grant before April 1, 2019.

We will talk to Franklin Conservation District and see how they did it.

Vehicle/Employee Accident Update – Discussed earlier.

Open Public Meeting and Public Records Act Training– Training update, Baden will get dates of our supervisors’ expiration.

Ruckelshaus Center Road Map Workshop Update – Lotz attended meeting in Ephrata, good meeting talked about many issues, ag land, water, Growth management, soil health.

Open Public Meetings & Public Records Act – Required training for supervisors was discussed.

Other Old Business – There was comments and discussion about primaries and upcoming elections, MLIRD.

The No Till Drill GCCD currently is renting out, WSU has for sale asking \$30,000. Co-op arrangement may be better for guys looking for one. Renting equipment is risky and a hassle.

New Business:

New Logo Design – Lotz showed many examples that have been worked up.

Much discussion ensued, lots of opinions and ideas thrown around. Will keep working on it over the next several weeks.

Interlocal Agreement Franklin Conservation District – WA Wheat Growers and Franklin Conservation District has offered contract for \$10,000 for Killinger to teach Wheat Week to grade school kids in Grant County, Adams County, Lincoln County.

Motion by Preston to accept the \$10,000 contract for Wheat Week education and for Manger Lotz to sign the agreement, second by Roseburg, motion carries.



At this point discussion ensued re Killinger and concern she may not be able to teach if she doesn't recover from traffic accident in which she was hit. Lotz stated there is a plan "B" just in case and teachings will go on.

18-49-NR Funding – The WSCC awarded GCCD cost share for Henry Benthem for \$9,600 and \$2,400 for TA for a total of \$12,000.

Roseburg made the motion to approve the 18-49-NR awarded cost share for Henry Benthem in the amount of \$12,000, second by Burkholder, motion carries.

19-49-LT Awarded – Livestock funding through the WSCC was awarded for \$15,200 for FY19. Mostly for Technical Assistance. Outcome is for 4 livestock operation plan updates.

Motion by Preston to approve 19-49-LT contact from WSCC for \$15,200 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, second by Burkholder, motion carries.

Other New Business:

Lotz and Crose attended a NRCS meeting for potential future task orders for inventory resources working in other counties.

Meeting in Ellensburg tomorrow (August 15) DOE grant writing training. Tom English, Leah Uhl, Crose, and Lotz are going.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:11 PM. The next monthly board meeting will be September 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

Date

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