



**Grant County Conservation District  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2017 - 1:00 PM  
1107 S. Juniper Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837**

**Attendance:**

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

**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 1:19 PM.

**Public Input:**

Stadelman asked for any public input or comment, there was none.

**Approval of October 10, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roseburg, motion carries.

**Approval of October 10, 2017 Financial Reports:**

Lotz presented the financial report, which included discussions regarding grants, money markets, checking account and deposits. Motion by Burkholder to accept the October 2017 financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Preston, motion carries. Checks #8585-8624 dated October 11, 2017 to November 14, 2017 were totaling \$67,352.68. Payroll checks #8586-8588 totaling \$5,965.22 and #8599-8602 totaling \$7,711.50 included in total above. Voided check #8562.

**Agency Reports:**

**NRCS Report** – Lotz gave the report Erin K. has developed. The Ephrata Field Office is short staffed. The Supervisors discussed to ask the WSCC if GCCD could enter into a Task Order to either hire or use current staff to help their office/field work. Staff will pursue this opportunity with WSCC.

**WSCC Report** – Lotz gave the report, Lynn Brown will not be running for Representative on the WSCC and Crose has been approached to run for the position. Crose and Wade Troutman (Foster Creek CD) submitted their letter of interest. The position will be voted on by the Supervisors at the annual WACD convention.

**Old Business:**

**Rates & Charges Updates** – Currently all cities are opted out of the district with the exception of Warden and Quincy. Lotz sent each council member on the Moses Lake Board a letter explaining what GCCD has and can do for the residence and city. The City of Moses Lake did not allow GCCD to be on the



agenda to discuss our roles in cities and took a PowerPoint presentation on our website and went over it during a council meeting to determine their reasons for opting out of the GCCD boundaries. It became clear to staff that working with staff at the cities does not get reported to the council members therefore it is important to meet with the city councils to update them what GCCD is doing for the residents and cities. Supervisors would like to see more PSA's and outreach done in the local media to show the good work GCCD is and has been doing. Our consultants working with Grant County on Rates & Charges assessment role, FCS Group, reported that they were able to upload to the counties software company with no issues.

**Area Meeting Update** – Crose was awarded “North Central Area Partner of the Year” award. Preston was re-elected as the WACD Area Representative.

**WACD Annual Convention** – Preston, Stadelman, and Leitz are signed up to attend the conference. Associate Supervisors are allowed to vote if approved by the Board. Each district gets 5 votes during the convention. Motion by Preston for Crose to have voting privileges at the upcoming WACD annual convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roseburg, motion carries.

**NACD Urban Ag Grant Update** – Stoltman gave a short update on the grants accomplishments so far. Killinger added some important information as well. Some of the Supervisors suggested getting Finn Clausen involved they believe he is at the Monroe house now.

**New Business:**

**Set Election Date** – Motion by Preston to approve Resolution No. 111417-13, setting the election date for February 13, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM a poll site held at the GCCD office, for Stadelman's expiring term in May 2018, with no appointed position up for appointment, with a candidate filing deadline of January 16, 2018 by 4:30 PM to be picked up at the GCCD office, the last day to request an absentee ballot is January 23, 2018 by 4:30 PM at the GCCD office, and Lyle Stoltman is the election supervisor. 2<sup>nd</sup> Roseburg. Motion carries.

**Task Order with NRCS for New Hire** – As discussed previously, the NRCS office in Ephrata has a minimal staff with a workload too large to handle. Ray Ledgerwood, WSCC Regional Manager, sent an email that the Ephrata Field Office was one of the top priorities in need of a Soil Conservationist. NACD received funding from NRCS to address EQIP and CTA needs at a national level. GCCD can hire or use existing staff to help NRCS. Roseburg made the motion to accept and cooperate with the NACD/NRS task order and for staff to complete the necessary paperwork for funding to hire a new planner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burkholder. Motion carries.

**Cities of Electric City, Moses Lake, Coulee City Resolutions to Withdraw** – City of Moses Lake sent a letter to opt out of the GCCD boundaries. Motion by Roseburg to withdraw City of Moses Lake from GCCD boundaries, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burkholder. Motion carries. Resolution No. 111417-10



City of Electric City sent a letter to opt out of GCCD boundaries even though they were never in the boundaries. Preston makes the motion to allow Electric City to opt out of GCCD boundaries although currently they are not in the boundaries. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burkholder. Motion carries. Resolution No. 111417-11

Motion by Roseburg to allow Coulee City to opt out of GCCD boundaries, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Preston, motion carries. 111417-12

**No-Till Drill Winter Storage** – WSU would like the drill covered for the winter. Supervisors stated there is a company locally that can make a customized tarp to cover it. Lotz will ask WSU if this will be sufficient enough. Roseburg has a producer who may have space to store it. Supervisors agreed if this producer was able to store it for the winter that he may use the drill as compensation.

**Approve Friendly Amendment to Resolution Number 071117-02** – During the Grant County Commissioners public hearing, the Treasurer brought up that he felt wording needed to be added to the GCCD's resolution stating that those parcels with zero acres will not be charged by the acre. Preston made the motion to add in the fourth paragraph after the word *classifications*, "EXCEPT for those parcels that have no acreage on the Assessor's property tax parcel list, within the boundaries set by the GCCD, those parcels will not have a per acre fee". Second by Burkholder, motion carries. Resolution No. 071117-02

Croze mentioned for the board to be prepared for possible appeals to rates and charges, although there may not be many. Lotz stated the board can review the appeals resolution to help in their decisions.

**VSP Work Group Meeting** – The Work Group meeting for VSP in Grant County will be held December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM at the WA State Potato Commission office in Moses Lake.

**VSP Annual Regional Meeting** - Croze/Lotz was requested to speak at the upcoming VSP regional meeting in Spokane on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Rent Storage Unit** – Due to the office having limited space, it is necessary to rent a storage unit to keep items not currently being used. Killinger looked into possible units in the area and found a 10x10 for \$55/month. Preston made the motion to have staff rent a storage unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burkholder. Motion carries.

**Other New Business** – Lotz discussed plans to take extended time off at different times during the upcoming months because of personal matters.

Stadelman informed Croze/Lotz that he is working on getting them on the agenda for upcoming Cenex, Vegetable Growers, and Wilbur Ellis grower meeting to talk about VSP implementation phase.



**Adjournment:**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 3:12 PM. The next monthly board meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

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Chair Approval

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