



*Grant County Conservation District
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**Grant County Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2014 – 7:00 PM
6171 N Frontage Road E, Moses Lake, WA 98837**

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman, Dan Roseburg, Richard Leitz (Chair), John Preston, Don Underhill, Derek Stevens, Boe Clausen, Paul Stoker

Staff – Marie Lotz, Lyle Stoltman, Carl Evans, Cindi Harr (Recorder)

Associate Supervisor – Harold Crose

Agency – Erin Kaczmarczyk, (Natural Resources Conservation Service-NRCS)

Guest- Mark Derringer, Derringer Dairy

Call Meeting to Order:

A quorum was established. Richard Leitz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Guest Speaker- In response to Cost Share funds made available Lyle Stoltman asked the owners of Derringer Dairy to come and share their current status to the board and their reasons why they turned down the offer of cost share until they are relocated. Mark Derringer of Derringer Dairy spoke on behalf of himself and his brother and their ongoing issues with the Bureau of Land Management. They have been in discussions with the Bureau since 1996 when the State conducted a test flow of water from Billy Clapp Lake. This test flow resulted in a 22 acre lake on the Derringer property and is in danger of being polluted by the dairy cattle residing on their land. Mark Derringer shared pictures of the property which showed the large amount of water and the close proximity of the cattle to the water and the impact of the water on the property. Mark presented a timeline of events from 2006-current with no compromise or agreement between the Derringer dairy and Bureau of Land management to date. The Derringer's are hoping the State will follow the Relocation act and are awaiting response from the State on an appraisal that was currently ordered of their property (the third one thus far).

Approval December 17, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

Dave Stadelman made the motion to approve the December 17, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Derek Stevens seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of January 14, 2014 Financial Reports:

Dave Stadelman made the motion to accept the January 14, 2014 financial report which includes financial data from October 9, 2013 – January 14, 2014. Checks #6684-6804 dated October 9, 2013 to January 14, 2014 totaling \$116,570.11. Payroll checks #6686-6690 totaling \$8,063.51, #6704-6710 totaling \$10,683.18, 6731-6734 totaling \$7,371.62, 6757-6761 totaling \$7,743.06, 6768-6771 totaling \$7,227.11 and 6794-6798 totaling \$11,310.06 included in the amount above. Boe Clausen seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Reports:

NRCS – Erin Kaczmarczyk presented the monthly activities report from NRCS. The agency will be sending out notices to all entities whom receive federal funds. The entities are required to register through SAM.gov annually in order to continue to receive federal monies. The first deadline for EQUIP sign ups is Friday January 17, 2014. Currently NRCS has approximately 80 applications in Kittitas and 100 in Ephrata. March 21, 2014 and May 16, 2014 are the other deadlines. Statewide there is approximately 5.3 million dollars available in General EQUIP, locally the initial allocation is approximately \$680,000. The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) deadline has been extended to February 7, 2014 in hopes more growers will sign up. To date they only have 3 applications.



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Old Business:

Election – John Preston has turned in paperwork and signed petition to be re-elected. John was the only person to turn in paperwork for the February 11, 2014 election. All paperwork will be turned in to the Election department at the commission and if all paperwork is complete and the election is deemed not needed then it will be advertised that John Preston will be re-elected without an election based on the fact he had no opponent.

New Business:

Marie Lotz presented the board with a letter of termination from Michael Hanson, current owner of the Moses Lake office. He has sold the property and has given the district 90 days to vacate.

Marie Lotz presented a new one year lease for an office located at 1107 S. Juniper Drive, Moses Lake WA 98837. Term is one year for \$600.00 per month with a \$600.00 damage deposit. Dan Roseburg moved to have Richard Leitz, Chair sign the lease for 1107 S. Juniper Drive, Moses Lake WA 98837 Dave Stadelman seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Marie Lotz informed the board that Legislative days is January 27, 28 2014. John Preston is planning on attending.

Lyle Stoltman reported that Grant County Conservation District received a public records request from Daniel Snyder, Tibet Law Offices for all correspondences between the district and Faria Dairy. He compiled all information requested and mailed to them in a timely manner.

Cost Share- Lyle Stoltman presented a Category 2 Cost Share request for Bruce Wilson, Wilson Ranch in the amount of \$8,750. Cost Share would be for fencing, buried pipeline, pasture hay land management, and troughs and tanks. John Preston Moved to approve Category 2 Cost Share for Bruce Wilson, Wilson Ranch in the amount of \$8,750 Dan Roseburg seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Marie Lotz presented she researched the last time Warden Conservation District was audited and it was 2008/2009. The new audit request is for 2011/2012.

The Grant County PUD canceled the appointment they had to discuss the IWM program. They have not rescheduled. Richard Leitz suggested that Marie look into contacting the PUD commissioners and set up some discussions to insure they are aware of the current status of the IWM program and the issues surrounding it.

Marie Lotz, Lyle Stoltman, and Carl Evans attended a High Residue Farming seminar.

The Washington State Conservation Commission sent calendars for all supervisors and district employees.

Marie Lotz informed the board that with Dale Wentworth resigning the district is in need of a new Personnel Manager. Paul Stoker nominated and made the motion for a resolution making Dan Roseburg the Grant County Conservation District Personnel Manager Boe Clausen seconded. **Motion Carried. Resolution #011414-1**

Dan Roseburg made the motion for a resolution to change the monthly board meetings to the new office location at 1107 S. Juniper Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837 Don Underhill seconded. **Motion Carried. Resolution #011414-2**

Conservation Projects:

The project for the Wildlife Habitat is still available but no one has signed up for it. Gretchen will be attending grower meetings to try to get interest.



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ET Data App Carl will be working on as soon as we figure out what can be done to calibrate the existing weather stations. Carl Evans has been making phone calls and looking into this.

Kristina Proszek has been training with Franklin Conservation District on the Water on Wheels and Wheat Week programs and will be working on getting Salmon in the Classroom to our district.

Marie Lotz is working with Andy McGuire, WSU on moving the No-Till to a more convenient location for farmers in the Quincy and Ephrata areas.

Harold Crose reported that the Energy Audit process is going well and he is currently writing a task order to get money to advertise the program. It is important to get the information out to the growers as soon as possible to meet deadlines set by NRCS.

Supervisors requested that the district obtain plaques for past supervisors Dale Wentworth, Rex Chamberlain, Stan Meyer, Bob Allison, and Dale Gies to thank them for their service.

Adjournment:

Dave Stadelman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Boe Clausen seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

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