

Grant County Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes March 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM 1107 South Juniper Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dan Roseburg, Glenn Burkholder, Richard Leitz, John Preston, Dave Stadelman, Derek Stevens.

Associate Supervisors- None

Staff - Marie Lotz, Kelly Wallace (Recorder)

Agency – Mike Baden, WSCC, Erin Kaczmarczyk, NRCS.

Guests - Lowell Bishcoff

Call Meeting to Order:

A quorum was established. Dan Roseburg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval February 10, 2015 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

John Preston made the motion to approve the February 10, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Richard Leitz seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of March 10, 2015 Financial Reports:

Marie Lotz presented the financial statements to the Board. Glen Burkholder made the motion to accept the March 10, 2015 financial reports as presented. John Preston seconded. **Motion Carried.** The following were approved from February 11, 2015 to March 10, 2015; checks #7329-7364 totaling \$32,174.81. Payroll checks #7329-7333 totaling \$8,758.85 and #7346-7351 totaling \$11,755.56 included in the total amount.

Agency Reports:

Erin Kaczmarczyk , NRCS reviewed the NRCS monthly activity report. She explained that Washington State has gotten the majority of the budget. EQIP LWG funding for FY15 is \$576,470 – approximately \$100,000 less than initial allocation last year. Ms. Kaczmarczyk explained the initial application pre-approvals by category. She also explained about the NFWF/NRCS Salmon Funding teleconference that is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 2 p.m. Discussion was held regarding the Mosquito meeting that is being held on March 27, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Wilson Creek.

Marie Lotz introduced Mike Baden, WSCC. Mr. Baden went over the WSCC District Operations Quick Notes. He asked for requests for unmet needs that the district might have by March 16, 2015. He mentioned that everyone should have finished the Open Government Training. He also mentioned that Board Supervisors could be eligible for L&I benefits (while on district business) if the district decides that's what they want to do.

Old Business:

Election- Marie Lotz reported that she had heard back from Bill Eller. He is just waiting for the Commission to certify everything.



Cost Share – Camas Cove Vineyard: Marie Lotz explained that Joe Warnick hasn't heard back from the owner so the project probably won't be moving forward.

Cost Share – Stoneridge Vineyard: Richard Leitz explained that he had went with Joe Warnick to review the project. There is a lot of work to be done out there. He agreed with the recommendation to do the cost share project up to \$10,000 as approved at last meeting.

NRCS: (1) Civil Rights (2) Relationships (February 24, 2015): Marie Lotz explained that she had spoken with Alan McBee regarding relationships. Richard Leitz and Dave Stadelman received a phone call from Patrice.

LWG Meeting: Marie Lotz reminded everyone about the Local Working Group (LWG) BBT session that is scheduled at the Windfarm for tomorrow, Wednesday, March 11th from 10am-1pm.

Legislative Days (March 24-25, 2015) - Marie Lotz explained that she had made appointments with our local legislatures for Dave Stadelman, John Preston and Richard Leitz to attend while at Legislative Days in Olympia on March 24th and 25th. The schedule is in the Board packet.

Other Old Business:

Cost Share – DeTray: Marie Lotz shared the final project report prepared by Lyle Stoltman. The project is now complete.

New Business:

IWM New Changes: Marie Lotz presented an Amended Interlocal Agreement with Grant County PUD. The agreement states that:

- 1) Standard Time soil moisture monitoring is increased by \$1.22 per acre from \$4.50 per acre per year for a new maximum reimbursement of \$5.72 per acre per year.
- 2) Real Time soil moisture monitoring is reduced by \$1.68 per acre from \$7.40 per acre per year for a new maximum reimbursement of \$5.72 per acre per year.
- 3) Acres in excess of 60,000 shall be reimbursed at \$1.85 per acre per year.

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Marie Lotz proposed that the District forego our $.90\phi$ administrative fee on the acres above 60,000, which will entitle the growers to \$2.75 per acre (\$1.85 + $.90\phi$)

Dave Stadelman made a motion to approve the Grant County PUD Amendment with the District foregoing the $.90\phi$ administrative fee on acres beyond the 60,000. Richard Leitz seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Wildlife TSP Task Order- Erin Kaczmarczyk, NRCS explained that Gretchen Fitzgerald was doing some work for NRCS. The Task Order is for \$2,003.94 and would end May 31, 2015. Gretchen is working with 5 producers. Dave Stadelman moved to authorize Marie Lotz to sign the Wildlife TSP Task Order. John Preston seconded. **Motion Carried.**

First Annual Columbia Basin Eco-Gardening Symposium: Marie Lotz reported that the Conservation District, in partnership with the WSU Master Gardener Program, will be hosting an Eco-Gardening Symposium at BBCC on Saturday, April 25, 2015. There are currently 20 people signed up.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 9:05 PM



Dave Stadelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. John Preston seconded. Motion Carried.

Chair Approval Recorder Signature

Date Date

Summary of Motions:

Next Board Meeting- April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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