



**Grant County Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017 1:00 PM
1107 S. Juniper Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837**

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman (Chair), John Preston, Richard Leitz, Glenn Burkholder

Associate Supervisors – Harold Crose

Staff – Marie Lotz, Lyle Stoltman, Courtney Hogan (Recorder)

Agency – None

Guests – None

Call Meeting to Order:

A quorum was established. Dave Stadelman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Public Input:

Dave Stadelman asked if there was any public input, there was none.

Approval of January 11, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

Glenn Burkholder made the motion to approve the January 11, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Richard Leitz seconded. **Motion carried.**

Approval of February 2017 Financial Reports:

Marie Lotz presented the financial statements to the Board for February 2017. Marie also mentioned to the Board that DOE contacted us a few weeks ago asking for all Burn Permits filed for Washington Fruit & Produce. John Preston made a motion to accept the February 15, 2017 financial report as presented. Glenn Burkholder seconded. **Motion carried.** Checks #8223-8258 dated January 11, 2017 to February 15, 2017 were totaling \$59,180.30. Payroll checks #8223-8226 totaling \$7,804.19 and #8238-8242 totaling \$13,831.45 included in total above. Voided check. **#8257.**

Agency Reports:

NRCS Report - Marie presented the NRCS report. Harold got a call at our last working group meeting about the No Till Drill. Harold let them know that we will contact Palouse and revise their letter to work for our waiver asking to return the cost share rates to their previous amounts. Richard motioned that Harold will write a letter asking for a waiver to return all cost share rates to their previous rates. John Preston seconded. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

Voluntary Stewardship Program – There were a lot of new faces at January's Work Group Meeting. Harold and Marie presented the draft work plan, which is also available for access online. All comments



are due by Friday, February 17, 2017. Aaron McGuire has already given us great feedback. At Tuesday's Working Group Meeting, Harold and Marie gave presentations on Outreach and Cost Share programs. Everyone really enjoyed and gave great feedback on the Outreach presentation, they were unsure about how and where they should start their own programs, and the information provided really helped. Harold estimates we will have our program completed by June 2017, with the exception of asking for additional funding for assisting other counties.

Wilbur Ellis – Dave Stadelman really thanks Harold and Marie for taking the time to present and get the message out there about the Voluntary Stewardship Program. After taking the time to explain everyone finally understands how it works. With Marie being able to do the presentations also online as a webinar, the State Technical Panel listens in. Our next VSP Working Group meeting is February 27, 2017 from 2-4 PM at the Potato Commission where Harold and Marie will go over the final edits for the draft plan with hopes of 100% approval.

Election – John Preston is the only one who has filed for the 2017 Election for the GCCD. There was only one illegal signature from a man who was unregistered to vote. John Preston is elected for 2017.

Appointment – Dan Roseburg has already filed his paper work, and if no one else applies by March 31, 2017, he will be appointed.

Schedule 22 – John Preston and Glenn Burkholder have agreed to help Marie with the Schedule 22. The Schedule 22 report needs to be complete by the end of March.

Legislative Day – Marie, Harold, and Richard met with two senators and four representatives on February 14, 2017. Judy Warnick would like Harold to give a presentation to the committee next week. Marie let the Board know that for future problems in the AG community, she will be contacting Tom Dent and Judy Warnick for support.

Rates & Charges – Harold stated him and Marie planned to present the plan for our new Rates & Charges this month but were not fully prepared. March 7, 2017 at 10:30 AM at the commission meeting, they will have 20 minutes to present, but would like to meet with the assessor beforehand. The Grant County Conservation District is need a bigger facility along with two more staff members.

Other Old Business:

Othello Office – Marie contacted Vicki a couple weeks ago and never got a response. Last Friday, February 10, 2017 Marie contacted Vicki again and told her we were still waiting on a check, and she said she was unaware that there was even a flood. She informed Vicki that Mark has promised a check has been in the mail for months now. Vicki told Marie that they are having a meeting Thursday February 17, 2017 and she would let Marie know what was happening.

New Business:

Local Working Group – Our next LWGM is set for February 24, 2017 at the Wind Farm.



Public Records Request – the American Transparency out of Boca Raton, Florida, contacted Marie a couple weeks ago requesting public records. They requested, Name, Hire date, Position and Wages for all employees for the fiscal year of 2016 in an electronic copy. Courtney collected all the information and the request was filled.

Pure Eire Dairy Nutrient Management Plan Update (Richard Smith) – Lyle presented the Pure Eire plan to the Board. Richard has exceeded his number of cows by 10%. Lyle has updated Richards's previous plan from 100 to 200 cows. Richard has also requested irrigation water management, add a two cell settling pond, and another lined lagoon, for future needs. He only needs 161 acres to balance the phosphorus, and currently has 332 acres. Richard Leitz motioned to approve the Pure Eire Plan Update. John Preston seconded. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 3:28 PM. John Preston moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 PM, Richard Leitz seconded. **Motion carried.**

Next Board Meeting- March 14, 2017 7:00pm.

Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

Date

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