



**Grant County Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017 - 7:00 PM
1107 S. Juniper Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837**

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman (Chair), Dan Roseburg, John Preston, Richard Leitz

Associate Supervisor – Harold Crose

Staff – Marie Lotz (Recorder), Lyle Stoltman

Agency – Erin Kaczmarczyk (Natural Resources Conservation Service-NRCS), Mike Baden (Washington State Conservation Commission-WSCC)

Guests – Dan Dormaier

Call Meeting to Order:

A quorum was established. Dave Stadelman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Public Input:

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

Approval of September 12, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

The supervisors reviewed the previous monthly meeting minutes. Motion by Preston to approve the September 12, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Roseburg seconded. Motion Carried.

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 Leitz to accept and approve the October 10, 2017 financial reports as presented. Preston seconded. Motion Carried. Checks #8548-8584 dated September 13, 2017 to October 10, 2017 were totaling \$50,846.84. Payroll checks #8549-8551 totaling \$6,076.43 and #8572-8575 totaling \$6,647.30 included in total above. Voided checks #8564, 8565, 8563.

Agency Reports:

NRCS Report – Kaczmarczyk reported on program activities. EQIP deadline is November 17th. Staff is working on renewal applications and the annual payment letters should be sent out soon. Task orders with NRCS through the WSCC will be changing from 60/40 to 75/25 (NRCS/WSCC). The Big Bend Team is in need of planners with no new hires in the future. May be an opportunity for CD's to have staff do task orders to complete work needing to be completed.



Kaczmarczyk mentioned that the CD might want to look in seeking a grant or purchasing a no-till drill to rent to producers to show them the benefits and may be able to do demos on planting wheat to cover crops (green manure). The CD will look into this possibility.

WSCC Report – Baden reported that the area meeting being held in Ritzville will be October 17th. GCCD only has an elected position up this year, Dave Stadelman is up for election. Lotz will run the necessary legal notice announcing that at next month's meeting we will be setting the date for the election and that all future notices on the election will be on the GCCD website. WACD hired a new Executive Director, Patricia Hickey from California, who will start November 1st. Legislatures still have not come to an agreement on Hirst so the Capital Budget will not be passed. The Capital Budget is affecting current and future projects CD's in which employees are being laid off. Currently the Capital Budget effect on GCCD is no cost share projects will be implemented. Crose thanked Baden for his support and help with GCCD's projects.

Old Business:

Cost Share Project – Stoltman reported he worked with Mike Schlueter on the paperwork for the cost share project for a variable drive. Preston made the motion to approve cost share for Mike Schlueter for a variable drive in the amount of \$4,300. Leitz seconded. Motion Carried.

Rates & Charges – Lotz reported that since GCCD made the changes the County requested to the Rates & Charges resolution, they are holding another public hearing to approve the amended resolutions. Preston brought in the legal notice which states the Rates & Charges is passed and the public hearing is only to approve the amended resolution. The hearing will be the same day as the Area Meeting in Ritzville, October 17th at 3:30 PM. Lotz and Crose plan on attending the hearing in case there are questions or concerns. GCCD's consultant, FCS Group, who is working with the County to set up the Rates & Charges stated that they finally got a hold of the Counties software company. FCS sent them an initial data download to see if their system is compatible and able to handle the rates and charges set by GCCD. Based on the feedback from the software company the data download had no issues. Currently FCS added GCCD's name and roll year to the download and sent to the software company and is waiting to see if this has any issues downloading. All indications is that there should be no issues and will report back to GCCD once they hear back from the software company.

Staff read in a news article that the City of Moses Lake has opted out of GCCD. Staff requested back in July to be added to the City Council agenda but was told that once their attorney look into Rates & Charges they would get back to staff on getting on the agenda. Staff did not hear back from the City of Moses Lake and has now read in the local newspaper that they have opted out of GCCD but has not received notice from them. There were discussions about why staff was not allowed on the agenda to discuss the benefits GCCD has done and can do for the City of Moses Lake before their decision. There were discussions if GCCD should continue with services in the cities opting out. The board will go over strategies during the winter months. It was discussed to continue with all current projects and education until June 30, 2018.



Area Meeting – As previously stated, the Area Meeting will be held October 17th in Ritzville. Preston, Burkholder, Dormaier, Lotz and Crose will be attending.

Policy Meeting Updates – Lotz and Crose attended the Policy Meeting that was held in Ellensburg. Much discussion was sustainable funding for the WSCC such as a \$5 per parcel tax on everyone in Washington State. There was support for this idea but the approval for this may not happen. There were other options given and will reviewed by the WSCC staff and updated to CD's.

New Business:

City of Mattawa Resolution to Withdraw – The City of Mattawa sent a resolution to officially opt out of GCCD. Preston made the motion to approve a resolution accepting the City of Mattawa to withdraw from the Grant County Conservation District and for the Washington State Conservation Commission to exclude them from GCCD's territory. Roseburg seconded. Leitz opposed. Motion Carried.

Letter to City of Moses Lake Council – GCCD is concerned that the City of Moses Lake does not have the correction information about what the district has done and can do for citizens. A request to be on the City Council's agenda to discuss GCCD's role within the City of Moses Lake was ignored and the Council acted on opting out of being in GCCD boundaries. Supervisors instructed Lotz to write a letter to each council member stating that we requested to be on their agenda and the benefits and future work GCCD has given or can do for the city.

WACD Dues Approval – The annual Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) annual dues are \$3,600. Roseburg made the motion to approve and pay the annual WACD dues in the amount of \$3,600. Preston seconded. Motion Carried.

Brent Roylance and Sons Dairy Nutrient Plan Approval – Stoltman presented the Roylance and Sons updated dairy plan. There is an increase in cows and expansion on the parlor. They are in compliance with the increase of cows and the number of acres for manure spreading. Leitz made the motion to approve the updated Brent Roylance and Sons dairy plan as presented. Preston seconded. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Set Election Date – Lotz will do the necessary advertisements announcing that the November Board meeting the date will be set for the annual election.

Discussions on Rates & Charges for Cities Opting out of GCCD – Some current GCCD activities is providing an Environmental Educator teaching in all the schools, provide Trout in the Classroom to schools, partnered with City of Moses Lake by providing stormwater books and a watershed model at STEAM nights, providing cost share assistance, shoreline restorations, attend Stormwater meetings, annual Eco-Gardening Symposium which offers lectures on a variety of urban topics, received a new grant to implement gardens in retirement homes, shoreline restorations along Moses Lake, promoting efficient urban water management, low water use landscapes, and many more benefits and indirect



benefits. The Board will review all the programs and benefits to the cities during the winter months but for now will continue with teaching, gardens to retirement homes, and Trout in the Classroom until FY ending June 30, 2018.

Other New Business – The annual WACD convention will be held November 28-29, 2017 in Kennewick. Preston, Stadelman, Crose, Lotz, Leitz will be attending and everyone but Leitz will need motel rooms. Lotz will reserve the rooms and convention registration. Preston made the motion to register Preston, Stadelman, Leitz, Crose and Lotz for the WACD convention and to reserve motel rooms for Preston, Stadelman, Crose and Lotz. Leitz seconded. Motion Carried.

Lotz will look into getting GCCD on agendas for the annual grower meetings to review the Voluntary Stewardship Program implementation phase. Stadelman will request GCCD be on the agenda for Cenex and Simplot.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:17 PM. The next monthly board meeting will be November 14th at 1:00 PM.

Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

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