

**Ferry Conservation District
Special Board Meeting MINUTES: 6/28/2023**

Meeting Start – 5:03 pm

In attendance USDA Service Center: Jim Rochell, Board Chair; Charlotte Coombes, Board Supervisor Auditor; Eric Bracken (on phone), Supervisor; Dave Hedrick, FCD District Manager; Candy Roman , Staff; Mckenzie Coleman, Staff; Alex Reyes, NRCS.

Official Action Items			
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision
Motion to approve agenda	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Motion to approve May 30, 2023 minutes	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable May 2023	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Warrants to Pay: 3313--3333 Total \$24,790.33. Efts: \$3,714.42	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approve and sign Master Contract FY24	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approval of Addendum FY24 \$118,935 District Operations, \$10,000. Water Quality	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approval Electronic signature policy	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approval Cost-share Rate @ 75%25% and 100% for riparian projects.	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approval of Landowner rate @ \$25. per hour, 17 and under a state minimum hour.	Eric Bracken	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Approval to cover employees cost of .0058 per \$100 gross earnings for WA Cares.	Eric Bracken	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Approval to join Washington Conservation Society membership at \$150 per year.	Eric Bracken	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Meeting Adjourned at 6:17 PM			

Open Public Testimony: None.

Partner Reports: Alex Reyes NRCS: Second sign up for CSP (classic)-IRA last day is July 23,2023. 1 active contract, CSP-renewal (irrigation). 1 canceled contract.

Operations Report

Implementation Grant (keeping the doors open)	Original Amount	\$117,823.00
	End of Year Funding Amendment	+ \$15,340.00
	FY23 Total	\$133,163.00
	Amount Paid Through 5/30/23	\$132,692.27
	Amount Available Through 6/30/23	\$470.73

Year-End Funding : We used our funding to purchase a shed for the district property and upgrade things around the office . This funding always must be spent quickly and is much appreciated

FY24 Funding : We are utilizing our Natural Resource Investment Technical Assistance, Voluntary Stewardship Program and some from the General Fund for the balance of the June expenses . All in all it was a successful FY23 for the CD and we have substantially added to our reserves. The exact amount is yet to be determined but starting 7/1/23 the CD will get \$128,935 which is about an \$ 11,000 increase from last year. That is considerably less than the \$100,000 increase that it looked like we were going to get right up to the last day of the legislative session. The SCC thinks there's a very good chance that we will get that funding in the Supplemental Budget next legislative session but that money wouldn't be available until 7/1/24.

WADE Conference: Once again it was a great conference and there was record attendance (289) with some people having to attend virtually. I'm on the board for WADE but can't really take much credit for its success . The food was great again.

Curlew Lake Ecology Grant: We are continuing to sample monthly with Gordon McIntyre. We will be giving an update to the Curlew Lake Association at their annual meeting on 7/13.

Education : Mckenzi and I met with a professor and his grad student from Penn State and talked about our approach to education and gave them a tour of our CD property and the plans we have for it. Ferry County was one of four counties they were studying nation-wide and they said they would provide us with a copy of the final product

Voluntary Stewardship Program : The State Technical Panel was here on June 7th to look at how we are implementing VSP. It went well and I think they have a much better understanding of the challenges in the county. We will be making the official presentation to the Tech Panel in Spokane on 7/13. I met with the county commissioners last Monday and they renewed the contract with us for the next biennium even though the SCC contract has some issues. That's good for us

Grant Opportunities: Mckenzi got some good news today.

Floating Wetlands : We were able to plant them and Mckenzi made a great movie.

Maw 3F2P Bridge : I met with DNR, WDFW and the engineer to develop a plan for repairs . The CD would net about \$3000 from our work.

Committees I'm On:

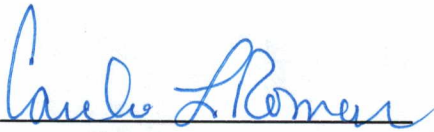
- Sustainable Funding (WACD): Oxymoron?
- Elections (WACD): 1 against 44
- Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) Board: Annual training event in Leavenworth.

Upcoming Before the Next Meeting

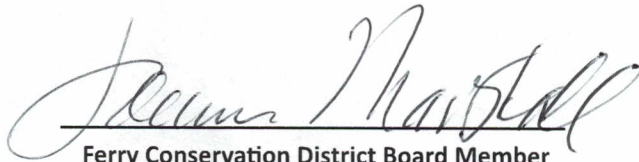
- Budget.

Dave Hedrick , District Manager

Meeting Adjourned: 6:17 PM



Candy Roman, FCD District Staff



Ferry Conservation District Board Member