

**Ferry Conservation District
Special Board Meeting MINUTES: 5/30/2023**

Meeting Start – 5:02 pm

In attendance USDA Service Center: Jim Rochell, Board Chair; Charlotte Coombes, Board Supervisor Auditor; Eric Bracken, Supervisor; Joann Marshall, Supervisor; Dave Hedrick, FCD District Manager; Candy Roman, Staff; Mckenzie Coleman, Staff; Loni Simone, Guest.

Official Action Items			
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision
Motion to approve agenda	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Motion to approve April 26, 2023 minutes	Eric Bracken	Joann Ma	Carried
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable April 2023	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Warrants to Pay: 3290-3312 Total \$37,396.36. Efts: \$10,132.75	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approve list of Surplus items to sell	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approval of Annual Plan of Work	Joann Marshall	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 PM			

Open Public Testimony: None.

Partner Reports: None.

Operations Report

Dave Hedrick

Implementation Grant: (keeping the doors open)	Original Amount	\$117,823.00 (100%)
	Amount Paid Through 4/30/23	\$102,674.52 (87%)
	Amount Available Through 6/30/23	\$15,148.48 (13%)

We're still on track with the budget. *We have not been paid for April yet but I've deducted the amount we vouchered for which gives what we have remaining. There won't be any money sent back to the SCC from the Implementation Grant.

Legislative Session: The SCC is still going through the numbers but it looks like we'll get an additional \$11,000 per year for the next two years. When you figure in inflation and the likely increase in our fixed costs we went backwards in this legislative session. I know the SCC is trying to figure out how to use the other funds they received to get the CDs more money to operate on but we're still waiting to hear more

Curlew Lake Ecology Grant: We've been doing lake and stream profiles along with water samples. None of the lake work would be possible without the help of Gordon McIntyre and his pontoon boat which is the ultimate sampling platform. The profiles and sampling will continue until the snow files.

Education: We used some of our year-end funding to purchase a 10' x 20' storage shed that will be placed next to the greenhouse. This will provide a much needed place to store things that are needed for the greenhouse and to stage educational needs.

Voluntary Stewardship Program: The State Technical Panel will be here on June 7th to look at how we are implementing VSP. This will be a good opportunity to show people who have never been in the county how difficult it is to discern how agriculture is affecting critical areas. The new county contracts require critical area monitoring.

SCC Director: The search for a new SCC Director is in slow motion. There was a decision (a good one I think) to hire a consultant to do the recruiting and interview process but the decision will still be the SCC's. Because of all the state requirements to hire consultants, no one has been hired yet. I would say we will be lucky to have someone in place by the end of the year. Our interim Director, Kirk Robinson, will only be here until September so he will have to be replaced.

Grant Opportunities: Mckenzi continues to research potential grants with an emphasis on funding to complete the work we would like to do out at the district property. Capital funding in grants to build things like roads and buildings are hard to come by.

Floating Wetlands: We have the plants and will be getting these in the water this month. I'm very interested in seeing how this all comes together.

Maw 3F2P Bridge: The work area around where the bridge we completed last year was damaged by flooding and will need to be repaired. The bridge is still in place but there was a tree that fell on it and one upstream abutment is slightly exposed. Even though we have closed everything out financially with RCO, we will still be the entity that will organize the repairs and will be paid by RCO. The CD has no liability.

NE Area CD Issues: There are some issues around grants the NE CDs work on together and how they are applied for. I'll explain at the meeting.

WADE: The WADE conference starts on June 12th. I'm on the WADE Board and we had to turn people away because there were so many people that wanted to attend. The Sleeping Lady is maxed out at about 220 people and we 260+ register. Should be a good session this year.

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

- Review Open Public Meeting Act Guidelines and New Additions.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:46 PM



Candy Roman, FCD District Staff



Ferry Conservation District Board Member