

**Ferry Conservation District
Special Board Meeting MINUTES: 4/26/2023**

Meeting Start – 5:06 pm

In attendance USDA Service Center: Jim Rochell, Board Chair; **Charlotte Coombes**, Board Supervisor Auditor; **Dave Hedrick**, FCD District Manager; **Candy Roman**, Staff; **Mckenzie Coleman**, Staff.

In attendance Phone : Eric Bracken, Board Supervisor; **Joann Marshall**, Board Supervisor.

Official Action Items			
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision
Motion to approve agenda	Charlotte Coombes	Joann Marshall	Carried
Motion to approve March 22, 2023 minutes	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable March 2023	Charlotte Coombes	Joann Marshall	Carried
Warrants to Pay: 3264-3289 Total \$31,707.91. Efts: \$4,268.00	Eric Bracken	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Resolution to Join Upper Columbia RC&D	Charlotte Coombes	Jim Rochelle	Carried
Motion to Designate Dave Hedrick for Wolf/Livestock /WSDA for Ferry Conservation District	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Meeting Adjourned at 6:11 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 3/30/23	\$88,845.15 (75%)
	Amount Available Through 6/30/23	\$28,977.85 (25%)

We’re still on track with the budget. We’re three quarters of the way through the year and we’ve used three quarters of our Implementation Grant. The SCC has said there’s an additional 20k of funding per district and we are working on our wish list.

Legislative Session: I should have the final budget numbers at the meeting.

Curlew Lake Ecology Grant: The Quality Assurance Project Plan has been approved by DOE—all 376 pages of it. We are continuing to sample and will hopefully get out on the water with Gordon McIntyre to start doing some lake profiles. Erin Poor from WSU was here to work on the watershed study for the lake. Everything seems on track.

Education: Mckenzi and I had the second graders from Republic out to district property to do some soil sampling and forestry activities. More at the meeting.

Voluntary Stewardship Program: Tim Clark and Nick Harris from Herrera Consulting were here to try and figure out a monitoring program for the county. They will have a draft to me by the end of May I can share with the Tech Panel who will be here the first week in June. There are potentially some changes to the county contracts that will require a monitoring plan. I feel like that's a slippery slope.

SCC Director: Kirk Robinson is back for his third stint as interim director of the SCC. He met with the district managers from across the state on the 20th for a listening session. He said they are hiring a consulting firm to do the hiring process who will make a recommendation to the SCC hiring committee that will have at least two CD managers on it. There are two candidates who have already put their hats in the ring: Shanna Joy and Alison Halprin. They both currently work for the SCC and I would prefer Shanna. I get the sense that the next director will be someone from CD land in the state. The out-of-state candidate experiment ended with Petit.

USDA Grant: This is the grant that would expand the educational opportunities on the Herron Cr property. This has been a learning experience and I think we have a shot at getting funded. If not this one then something will come up in the future. I'm meeting with the BOCC to talk about the grant and property on the 24th.

Procurement Training: I will be attending this training in Wenatchee on the 27th. This is something that we have been asking for and Mike Baden managed to put it together. There's a lot to know on this subject and I appreciate the opportunity to learn more about it. It's a good way to keep the district out of trouble.

Floating Wetlands: These finally arrived and I picked them up in Spokane. I'm very interested in how these are going to work. They look really interesting. They are 5' x 5' and have holes for about 40 plants. They will be deployed at the north end of Julian Bay by Joann's house

National Weather Service Event: We are hosting an informational event for the NWS in Spokane to recruit people to become weather reporters around the county. We purchased ten NWS rain gauges and got a donation from Windermere Realty to pay for three of them. If they go through the training and commit to being part of the reporting they will get one for free.

Conservation Fair/Plant sale: Last but not least. I was very happy with the way things turned out and we have Candy and Mckenzi to thank for that. There were more people than I expected and a lot of smiling faces. It was exhausting but we're already talking about how we can make next year better. We are also contemplating moving it just a little later in the month.

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.
- Possible CD needs for year-end funding.
- Is it spring yet?

Meeting Adjourned: 6:11 PM



Candy Roman, FCD District Staff



Ferry Conservation District Board Member